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Testimony in **opposition** of LCO #347,
Relating to Police Accountability; particularly the **Elimination of elimination of Qualified Immunity**

I strongly oppose this legislation.

This bill would be a grave mistake to the overwhelmingly good law enforcement officers of our state that I whole heartedly believe would exit their careers in fear of lawsuits, defamation and financial ruin from the "sue-happy" people that have come to influence today's world.

I believe that it is unconstitutional as well as morally and ethically wrong to leave these men and women in blue open to lawsuits. These officers put their lives on the line everyday, running into dangerous situations that most all of us run away from.

It is our moral and ethical duty to protect those who protect us everyday!

I can tell you that of the officers I know, who took and oath to serve & protect, they will not jeopardize their future nor their families future under this new proposed law. I have a teenage son who for many years has strongly considered going into law enforcement, without the protection of our state for these officers I will do everything in my power to encourage a different career for him.

I urge YOU to vote **NO** with regards to eliminating Qualified Immunity.

Sincerely,
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