

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of New Hartford and a Bristol Police officer. The bill has points that I agree with, like improved and uniform training & standards for all police departments, and increased use of body cameras, but there are certain provisions that I oppose as it's drafted, including:

1. Section 29 - this goes against the standard set by the SCOTUS in Graham v. Connor.
2. Section 3 - POST decertification standards.
3. Section 41 - repeal of qualified immunity.
4. Section 12 - Taking road jobs away and requiring all police to purchase liability insurance.
5. Section 16 - Requires a mental health eval every 5 years. Could this result in personnel action?
6. Section 17 - Civilians would be permitted to issue subpoenas and compel testimony as part of an investigation. This right should not be granted to civilians.

I am hoping that POLICE CHIEFS will have an opportunity to fully explain our concerns with each section of the July 9, 2020 proposal before the final legislation is crafted. Thank you for your time.

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