

CT General Assembly's Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing you this email in regards to the upcoming vote on the police accountability bill. I live on Skyline Drive in Prospect.

I have some issues with the said bill that's being presented to you in the near future. In regards to qualified immunity, I greatly fear that without officers in Prospect (as well as across the state) having that protection, it will run off a great deal of officers into other professions. Without qualified immunity, it seems to me that officers will have to acquire their own liability insurance. Like a doctor. And as we all know, police officers do not make nearly as much money as doctors in order to afford such a large insurance policy. Due to that fact, police unions will demand that their respective city/town foot the bill for these insurance policies or significantly raise their salaries (again) to offset the very expensive liability insurance policies they'll have to acquire. Therefore putting another burden on us taxpayers.

In regards to changing the legal standard for use of deadly force, I fear for everyone's safety in our community as well as the entire state. The US Supreme Court ruling of *Graham V Connor* should continue to be properly followed. The perspective of the involved officer should continue to be just as valuable as an evaluation of someone viewing the incident afterwards with perfect hindsight. I seriously fear that if this standard changes, officers everywhere in our community and state will be afraid to address a violent situation, therefore risking that officer's life or any other bystander involved in the incident.

Thank you,
Melissa Boneski