

I am writing today to request that you vote no on Bill LCO No. 3471, "An Act Concerning Police Accountability." To eliminate qualified immunity for the officers who risk their lives to protect and serve us every day is absurd. This puts thousands of officers at risk to lose everything even while they are working within the confines of their jobs. To allow anyone to accuse an officer for violating their rights at any time, whether it's justified or not puts officers and civilians at risks. Will officers hesitate the next time someone needs them for a home invasion or worse a school shooting. These are the same officers who ran into a building full of children who were being murdered. They saw the most unimaginably horrific sights and were being held up as heroes. These same officers are now being condemned. These men and women put their lives on the line for us every day and they deserve more than this. The bill is a knee jerk reaction to protests and should be reconsidered. If this bill passes, we can expect many of our officers to retire, quit or leave the state. Our police officers have our backs every day. Let's take the time to create a bill to provide accountability that promotes peace and unity rather than punishing good officers who want to help others and do their jobs with the utmost integrity. Thank you for your time and I urge you to vote no on this issue.

Regards,
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