

I wanted to take a moment of your time to express my sadness and disappointment regarding Bill LCO No. 3471, not only as a wife, sister and friend to many honorable and hard working police officers but as a citizen of this country and resident of the state. I want to ask you this...

How can you even look at yourselves in the mirror and believe that this bill means progress? How does this support the families of this state and more importantly the officers that put their lives at risk every day, every night and every holiday to keep order and safety in our communities so your families can sleep at night, with both eyes closed? You want to make every police officer personally accountable for any accusation big or small? You want them to protect themselves when they are here to protect you and me? How is that appreciating the men and woman that are here for us morning, noon and night? How is that justice for all? How is this looking out for the families of these officers? Progress isn't made by making all officers liable. Progress is made by making those officers that are in the wrong accountable. Progress is made by providing training and further educational opportunities for officers. Progress is made by bringing police officers and communities together in unity not in division. Progress is made by making criminals accountable for their actions. When did becoming a police officer mean you have to defend your every move...the same moves, actions and orders that are put in place to protect our towns, state and country. How are officers going to effectively do their jobs when they are handcuffed themselves.

So I ask you this...when the great officers of this state decide to retire, quit or move what are you going to do for the members of this state? What are you going to do for my family? How are you planning on protecting us? What are you going to do when you need help. Who are you going to call then? Then will be too late.

Rethink, discuss and solution for the challenge we are being faced with. Remember majority of our police officer go to work to truly protect and serve...that's why they took this honorable position and oath. It is our turn to repay them for what they've done and protect and serve them.

I thank you for your time and hope that this bill is reconsidered and dropped immediately.

Monica

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone