

My name is Nadia DeNovellis, I'm from Rocky Hill, CT. My husband has been a police officer for 13+ years, he served in the town of Wallingford for many years before transferring to our home town of Rocky Hill. He has dedicated his life to the people of our community. Their job isn't easy and what happens at work isn't left at the office!! As a LEO wife here's what is sacrificed for a day at the office! We have 3 teenage boys, my kids have learned to "wait" to open gifts from Santa until their dad got home because he too wants to see the joy on their faces. Hurry up to blow out birthday candles, because most party's are on weekends and he needs to go to work. We see him drive by in his cruiser while at baseball or football so he too can get a glimpse of the tackle or base hit. We work around shift changes and when overnights roll along we try to be quiet during the day while he try's to sleep. These are only a few of our inconveniences.

Here are some of his (which he will never admit). IMAGINE Going home to have dinner after you had to notify a parent their child was killed in a car accident 500ft from their home. How do you go home and have a "normal" night after a mother of twins delivered both stillborn, children the size of a squirrel. Now imagine the horror that officer must feel as he too has twins at home! Imagine a teenage boy laying in a bathtub with a self inflicted gun shot to the head, he's still alive. Can you imagine the sounds a human body makes in that situation? Not to mention the visual and the parents and sister in the doorway. For as many gruesome calls these poor officers have, they have many wonderful bonding moment with the community. The autistic kid who can't control his anger and goes for a walk to cool down, would run from officers until that one officer gave him a soccer ball to kick and let off some of the anger leave (because if you know anyone on the spectrum they can not control themselves). The child at school who just needs someone to smile at them.

This bill will punish the ones who actually care about what happens in the communities they are patrolling. We are punished enough. We also are not able to get liability insurance as a normal person. Please If you think of passing this, get a committee of police officer from across the state and get their input. Get someone who walked a mile in their shoes. . Most towns are getting rid of pensions and quality healthcare and now this? If this passes CT will not be the state it has been. Think of your own neighborhood how safe you feel once you enter your home, there will be more crime you're not going to get the quality of officers we are accustomed too.

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