Representatives and Senators,

A dangerous pro criminal anti police bill has been introduced in CT and will be voted on next week in the CT general assembly. It is labeled as a police reform bill, but it is far from that. It is an ANTI-POLICE bill. I beg you for the safety of all of us and our families and our fellow residents To vote NO to this bill. I will absolutely not tolerate legislation like this becoming law. Our safety will immediately be at risk should this bill be passed. There will be a massive wave of retirement and exit of the most qualified and professional police officers as it will just not be worth it to us anymore. We in CT know better than anyone how much we need the police after horrible incidents like the Sandy Hook School tragedy, the Cheshire home invasion of the Petit family, and most recently the killing spree of Peter Manfredonia. We do not want our Police to hesitate should they have to respond to another active shooter, another domestic violence incident or even another home invasion. Last year the CT State Police used force only 0.02% in all interactions with the public. Proposing legislation which would account for .02% of all police interactions simply does not make sense. Taking away qualified immunity for police will only hurt the people of CT as our police will hesitate and choose to look the other way rather than put everything at risk and be frivolously sued. Qualified immunity DOES NOT protect police officers who have been convicted of a crime when sued regarding that crime, regardless of what the media portrays. We all need to ask ourselves; do we want to be like our neighboring state, New York, which has become a place of violence, where 1-year old children are being shot sitting in a stroller, or do we want to maintain our safety. We cannot allow us to be part of this insane experiment. Should you choose to vote in support of the bill you will absolutely be losing my vote and every voter in the silent majority that support our law enforcement in this state! VOTE NO!

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