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As a resident of Connecticut I am concerned particularly about the part of this bill that concerns Qualified Immunity. Making police liable for over reacting, under reacting making an honest mistake or judgement call is ridiculous. Maybe I'm not understanding it completely but in my simplistic thinking it's like having car insurance and the company not paying because the accident was your fault. Isn't this why we have insurance the company (State of CT) backs you up. After the settlement officer can be disciplined, dismissed, incarcerated what have you depended on severity of officer's actions.

It is my opinion, which I realize everyone has one is the officers need better training. Better vetting for new recruits, mindfulness training, stress reduction training. Mandatory counseling.

I know if I worked for someone and they didn't have my back I would not do my job the same as if I knew that were behind me.

This bill if passed will cause great police officers to retire, others to not do their job as well and keep qualified people from applying.

Please reconsider this action and keep Connecticut safe. Don't cave to outside or political pressure listen to the people who elected you and who you work for.

Keep Connecticut Police Strong.

Respectfully submitted,

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