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I wish to voice my opposition to this bill.   I have followed the improvements that law enforcement has made over the past fifty years. I would say that many were initiated by pressure from the public, legislative actions and others initiated by law enforcement. Prior to the 19070's was little control on physical abuse by police, in the 80's and 90's additional controls were enacted that began to address the use of force issues via better training, supervision and recruitment. In the 2000's we have seen improved minority hiring, better administrative control with the use of civilian review boards and administrative controls.   We also saw the use of cameras in police vehicle and most recently body cameras.   Certainly, these changes were supported by citizens and law enforcement officials and demonstrates a true concerns from all sides to improve this essential service.

We have come from an era of very little control of the use of force and other civilian concerns. In the 80's and 90's control was expanded and administrative controls put into place.   In the 2000's we saw officers being disciplined for their actions.   In the recent years we saw incidents where the officers were suspended immediately, and in some cases, arrested and fired within a few days.   Certainly, huge improvements in holding police accountable and appropriate legal actions being taken is being demonstrated in a daily fashion.

I do not think that you, our legislators, should be supporting addressing current issues by involving all sides. Certainly, the thought of non-funding police budgets is ridiculous! It appears to me, that the system has adapted to the wishes of society and improved in an incremental manor. It has taken us hundreds of years to develop this system and we have what I think is the best law enforcement system in the world.

I would end by saying, incremental changes are good and improve a system without causing chaos in life as we know it.

Thank you for your time and review of this matter.