

Dear Members of the CT House and Senate:

I am writing today to ask you to remove the qualified immunity from the police reform bill before you. There are many positive parts of this bill...the ban on chokeholds, increased transparency and mandatory body cameras for instance. However the removal of qualified immunity in such haste will only open the state to costly legal challenges at the highest level. Just last month the state Supreme Court upheld qualified immunity in the case of *Borelli v. Renaldi (Seymour Police Department)*. Victims of police violence are permitted to sue the department, state and other agencies and officers themselves can be imprisoned if convicted. The removal of qualified immunity leaves CT residents at a great risk that police officers will not act in the state's best interest due to concern for their personal liability. Please remove this and focus on more targeted legislation to prevent police brutality.

With Respect,

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