

Hello,

I strongly stand with our police officers and think they are doing a fine job. While the intentions are good, one must not rush decisions that will have impact on the safety of our citizens and retention of our police officers. A few items which are of great concern are noted below.

Crowd Management - I do not believe the state should dictate policy and a strong presence by police is needed. My fear is that CT will bend to the far left and let the angry mobs destroy whatever they wish. That is not how law and order works. We do not want to implement policies of NYC, Seattle and Missouri. Protesters should not be allowed on highways, not be allowed to damage property. If force is needed, then it is needed. If the State has control over policy than a group of politicians can make rules that the rest of the citizenry do not agree with. The State can enact recommendations and review policy, but let the decisions be made on the local level and based on the situation on the ground.

Social Worker - waste of money to spend a lot of time studying this. Unless when calling 911 people are given a choice (perhaps in some instances such as when family member is acting up due to drugs) but, while it sounds good, might be hard or not practical to implement in the real world.

I am STRONGLY against civic cause of action suits. The only exception would be if an officer was convicted of a crime. Officers would be sitting targets for suits claiming this or that infraction. It would make it difficult to recruit and retain officers. This is not good policy!!!

Please keep in mind, while there are many loud voice out there, 90% of the american people love our police and are very angry at what is taking place in our country. This is not the time to throw our police under the bus and enact policies that could make policing more dangerous, or officers less likely to engage with criminals. We all want policies that are unbiased, fair to all people, no matter what background or color. The police though are not the problem, the problem is lack of respect and dialogue, including a host of other social economic issues. We do not want to follow NYC on the path to self destruction. Reasonable, well thought out policies which put the officers first are what we should look to implement. Most regular american of both political parties are disgusted with what is taking place and the craziness going on around them (and we expect our politicians to stand up against the mob and to their far left demands).

P.S. We really need better education, our children are not learning history.

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