

To whom it may concern,

The events that have taken place in the past few months have been nothing short of disgusting. While expressing their first amendment rights, a number protestors and rioters have overstepped those rights and moved into criminal statutes. Our Police Offices have shown great restraint with dealing with them and we have an obligation to support them by opposing this 'Police Accountability' bill.

As we've seen throughout the country, states such as Colorado, New York and Massachusetts have had knee jerk reactions to "fix" the problem of the Police. While this happened, we've seen numbers of robberies, assaults, homicides (amongst a vast amount of other criminal activity) spike. Now we've seen it enter our state with the example of New Haven. In the past 8 days (by the time this is read, numbers will inevitably have risen) 20 shootings have been recorded along with multiple homicides. Defunding Police is showing in real time that this will result in lives lost, and again, as we've seen its intercity minorities.

While I disagree with the bill in its entirety, specifically qualified immunity should absolutely not be touched. Requiring Officers to have liability insurance will GUARENTEE a mass exodus. And a response shouldn't be "well those Officers shouldn't be cops if they are concerned." It is opening the door for false accusations and civil lawsuits that our Officers should not be subject to. Our Police will do the minimum they need to, this I guarantee. This is again a knee jerk reaction. What instead should be put forth in a bill, supported by cowards, and men/women with armed security is that each elected official should have to do ride along time with intercity Officers. It is your ignorance which will cost the lives of others by passing such an absurd bill. Police need to make split second decisions while being Monday morning quarterbacked by you. Go back to the age old saying "you don't know someone till you want a mile in their shoes."

I guarantee not one of you would sit in the passenger seat for more than a few hours in a city. But you will be the first one's to judge those who sit in the drivers seat. This bill is appeasing a small number of loud mouths who have become the squeaky wheel and will affect everybody. And when it comes to helping a family member of yours or a friend who is injuries, or a criminal act is committed against them, you will want something done. And when this inevitably crashes and fails, having homicide rates at a historical high, and you can eat your pride enough to try to undo this foolishness you're putting forth, it will already be too late. Thousands of cops will have resigned or retired and those departments who try to hire quickly, not based on their character, or morals, but because they signed up, we will see the consequences.

Regards,

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