

To whom it may concern,

In my 12 years of Law Enforcement, I have had the privilege of shaking hands with many politicians, from local school board members all the way up to the president of the United States. They all claim to "get it." Some really try. Some have a genuine respect for the difficulty of this job. My hands have reached out to help, and subsequently been covered by the blood, sweat, and tears of people from every race, creed, and walk of life during my career. Many times I've bled, sweat, and cried with them whether by circumstance or in solidarity. I have done so with the daily knowledge that when I leave my house I may not return, and with the consequence at times of returning as just a shell of the man that left, never to be made fully whole again. I have done this job with the constant fear of false complaints, frivolous lawsuits, and above all else, the horrific violence that I am prepared to stand in the way of to protect complete strangers. I can think of no greater betrayal by the public, or those elected to represent the public, than to vote through legislation that would only effectively increase those risks. I have taken tremendous care to protect you and those you love throughout my career. This is your opportunity to protect me. Now is the time to demonstrate poise, patience, and good communication. Voting to remove qualified immunity would only drive a deeper wedge between the police and the public that we so dearly love and wish to serve.

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"Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear."

-Nelson Mandela