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Hi CT Government:

As my father was police officer for 20 years and I heard many stories of how hard the job was, I think we need to look at the whole picture. Police are and always will be a necessary component of society. Over the years Police have lost the respect of society and that is a real shame for the diverse job that they fulfill. I do agree that changes are needed like if an officer has a second offense for an item not following normal protocol he / she should be written up. Just like in the private sector for bad employees and their may be some bad police officers. They need to be weeded out for the many officers that are good. The union cannot keep an officer that has been reprimanded for behavior multiple times and they should be let go. Police need more involvement in the neighborhood. My father use to walk the "beat" as they say and he knew the neighborhood. We should have that again but I have been told that the union does not allow that either. So really if you want change we need to speak with the Union, the Police Commissioner and other ranks to get a full picture of how this all works. With complete collaboration good change will come instead of this terrible narrative of the abolish the police. We need to sit down, take a breath and fix how policing is done in the US. Thanks for hopefully listening.

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