

Re: Joint Commission on Qualified Immunity

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To the Members of the Joint Commission on Qualified Immunity,

Qualified immunity deprives the entire law enforcement community of the public trust and credibility they need to do their jobs safely and effectively. It deprives the public from trusting that their public safety officials are operating with the best interest of the public in mind and will be held accountable like all other citizens.

There cannot be two sets of rules governing behaviors, especially those behaviors that deprive a citizen of their civil rights. Public safety is a two way street-if there isn't confidence that we are all held to the same standards there can be no real security.

As Don Willet, US Court of Appeals Judge for the 5th District, said, " ...to some qualified immunity smacks of *unqualified impunity*, letting public officials duck consequences for bad behavior, no matter how palpably unreasonable, as long as they are first to behave badly."

The Massachusetts State Legislature can stand up and join with other states like Colorado who have eliminated qualified immunity from their state constitutions and thus help restore faith as well as accountability in this public institution.

Thank you,
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