

Qualified Immunity

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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing to express my support for the police. ALL police.

I heard there is going to be a hearing to discuss taking away qualified immunity in Massachusetts. This must NEVER happen. The police put their lives on the line every day to protect the citizens in their towns that they serve. It is wrong for politicians , any politician to vote to remove qualified immunity for police but keep it for themselves. None of the politicians I have every seen would strap on a vest and go run into danger like a cop does. Politicians in Washington felt threatened and put up a wall around the Capitol to protect themselves. Average person does not have that luxury. Police have to make split second decisions to keep us safe, and to keep themselves safe. They see the worst of society, and ask for nothing in return. I heard some say that you don't need police for a domestic violence , well look up how many police are killed because of domestic violence, and traffic stops. If you look at cities like Portland who already have removed qualified immunity or restricted the police capabilities to do their job, CRIME goes up because all the crooks know they will not be punished. Why do politicians get private security and the public will have nothing, the public will have no one to call for help. If you take away qualified immunity from police you are saying that they don't matter. Ask yourselves, would you run into danger for a stranger? You want to tell the police that unless they are perfect they can get sued for everything, but politicians don't get sued. Why is that. Qualified immunity protects the police and their families. We must keep this, we owe it to all the police and their families. You can not judge all police by the acts of a few bad ones, if that was the case then should we judge all politicians by the bad or corrupt ones? I will end with this, I live in Braintree Massachusetts and when I put my head to pillow at night I feel safe because of the Braintree Police. I know if I am in trouble, in need, am hurt, sick, lost, attacked, I have the best police force on the planet to protect me. If you take away Qualified Immunity from the police, you don't just hurt the police you HURT THE PEOPLE .

I hope you will read this and please stop any legislations that will remove Qualified Immunity.

Sincerely,
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