

Qualified Immunity Commission: Please end qualified immunity!

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Hi,

My name is Zoë Crabtree and I'm a resident of Amherst, MA.

I'm very glad to hear that the Commonwealth is looking at how qualified immunity impacts justice in our communities.

I believe that police officers should not benefit from protections above and beyond those afforded to other Commonwealth employees and that abuse of force and police killings should never be excused.

Police are ostensibly supposed to keep "us" safe, but it is hard to feel like that "us" is inclusive of the whole Commonwealth when police over-surveil and harm so many Massachusetts residents of color in the name of "safety." Safety for whom?

I hope that the Commission will strongly consider removing qualified immunity in Massachusetts.

Best,

Zoë Crabtree

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