

- **LC 742**  
Relating to the use of tools by law enforcement agencies

- **LC 743**  
Relating to police officer uniforms and identification

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- Please submit this as my public testimony.
- There is a direct ignorance on the part of this meeting and review of the police practice. You are listening to a few thousand people protesting in the streets and using a handful of incidents of police wrongdoing, to conclude that there is an issue. It is not your job to listen to the few and ignore the majority of the people you represent. The police do a job, just like any other person that works. They take pride in what they do, they know that not everyone they encounter is a bad person or even breaking the law. By even taking this matter up in our legislation is a clear sign you stand with the few and you think the police are wrong. How can you make legislation with such a bias to begin with?

I am writing this not to be ignored but rather to point out that to make our streets safer, we need to increase police funding and presents. Police need support, they need the backing of the law so that they can do their job and protect all people. If the police have no authority to do their job, and are scrutinized in every thing they do, they will not be able to protect anyone. In fact, I believe that this legislation will push many good officers to leave the profession or leave the state. Police are vital to the enforcement of laws (that you make), and the safety of all that fall within their jurisdiction.

I am not part of law enforcement, but I respect them and what they do (as should you). Don't defund the police, or remove their protection from lawsuits, and do remove the "choke hold" as an option. I also do not think tear gas or other devices should be removed from the police riot control units. In addition, I don't believe that identification should always be shown, these people should not be publicly identified when their life is at stake. They should be identified by a number not a full name. I encourage you to increase funding for all police, show support for their work, and make a clear stand that they are needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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