

In this body's overzealous haste to accommodate the current national conversation taking place in the streets, it would do well to heed words of caution about going too far, too fast. Any changes to this state's law enforcement codes, restrictions, or regulatory controls must be carefully weighed against the expectations when these personnel are called upon to uphold the law and the safety of the officers themselves. Capitulating to the demands of the boisterous will only hasten this state's descent into the anarchy seen in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood, in the national aftermath of burned-out businesses, and amid the looted stores and historical statues that litter the landscape of our cities. While it is recognized that certain potentially deadly control measures need to be reexamined, it would be wise to remember one age-old adage – spare the rod, spoil the child.

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