

Hello,

In these unprecedented times it is difficult to find the time for nuance and detail to be involved in our decision-making process. And yet nuance is needed now more than ever. I encourage you to think critically and gather the necessary research to make truly informed and rational decisions, rather than decisions based on our countrymen's justifiably raw emotions. In that spirit I draw your attention to bill HB 4203:

Disallows police to use force that limits a person's ability to breathe, including, but not limited to chokeholds.

While I support the spirit of this text, I feel compelled to point out that chokeholds are not universally meant to limit oxygen intake. The most effective chokeholds, when performed by someone properly trained, do not restrict airflow but instead trigger a subduing reflex and leave the individual healthy after they are performed. These types of chokeholds are the safest way to incapacitate a suspect - safest for both the officers and the suspect. With that safety in mind, our law enforcement officers and the communities they protect should be demanding proper training in using these techniques so they do not confuse them with chokeholds that limit a person's ability to breathe. Please ensure that chokeholds which do not restrict airflow are not impacted by this bill.

Thank you for your consideration and deliberation.

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All the best,  
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