



There is a Need for The Value Human Life Bill



The average American taxpayer understands that communities need good police officers and they are willing to compensate them with a great salary and benefits for their commitment to protect and serve. As law-abiding taxpayers and residents of those communities, we are no longer willing to tolerate our tax dollars being used to reward cowardly incompetent police officers.

An incompetent officer, is an officer equipped with a bullet proof vest, pepper spray, a taser, a baton, a radio to call for assistance and training in hand-to-hand combat, but favors using deadly force knowing that the police department will rally in support of their actions, simply because they are members of the same union.

Since 1974, police officers have benefited tremendously from having additional rights bestowed upon them, through the passage of Joe Biden's Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights. Yet, the taxpayers have not gained any additional protection under the law. As a result, each year there are hundreds of officer involved shootings (OIS), which the general public overwhelmingly believes were 100% preventable.

Despite having an understanding of the basic criminal laws and tactical training, the number of people killed by the police, is a clear indication that there is a need for legislation to protect citizens from officers who have undetected mental illness, egos, unknown biases and the propensity to kill although other options are available. There is no test that can accurately detect those character traits because no one be certain of what is in a person's heart.

As taxpayers, who are concerned about everyone's safety, it is time to reaffirm the value of a human life by putting our support behind the Value Human Life Bill.

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First, police officers who kill or cause serious injury to an unarmed civilian must be suspended without pay during the investigation. The investigation process must include a toxicology exam. Due to the nature of the job, officers should be required to carry insurance that will help their families financially if this were to happen. A police officer's CalPERS Industrial Disability Insurance will not be pre-funded by tax dollars.

Second, police departments cannot investigate themselves. The blue code of silence and cover-up is blatant and it's evident in the long list of no conviction cases, where officers have abused their authority and have caused death to a civilian. In addition, unedited civilian video recordings must be considered evidence.

Third, police officers who fire upon an unarmed or legally armed civilian who is not in the act of committing a felony offense will be fired and charges brought against that officer. They do not get to continue their careers within law enforcement. We do not pay their legal fees, back pay or pensions.

Fourth, the number of White, Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American police should be proportionate and reflective of the members of that particular city. Officers should be working in pairs, with those officers identifying as two different races.

Thank you for your support, on behalf of
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