

January 17, 2021,

To: Tacoma City Council

Cc: Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer

From: Peggy Birley, Co-owner of 225 Fish Hatchery Rd, Mossyrock, WA. 98532

Hello,

In response to your Notice of Public Hearing I guess I will just tell you how I feel. In our bid we explained how we wanted to divide the property. But according to Greg we didn't supply a legal document stating this. No where in your letter did it say we had to supply one. Even though 3 of the 4 joining land owners submitted letters supporting us.

If we or Thorsens had got it we would have divided evenly. Even Jensens would have gotten 100 feet. And everyone would have worked towards him getting a well. But instead we heard they didn't want "Birleys" to get anything. We heard this from a number of people.

Your letter said you didn't have to sell to highest bidder but reserved the right to sell to "whoever was best for the community". Well, that didn't work for any of us!

If you had an open bid you would have made a lot more money. Want to try again?

Also, Greg said that all three bidders made statements that they would work with our community. If Mike made that statement I would like to see if he put it in writing. Cause we did.

In your Resolution #U-11227 you said people complained about people using the property. Well, our family has been there since the early 1930's and we have never heard anyone complain. And we would have. Also, you called it mowed. Yes, we mowed it because it was a fire hazard to everyone around it.

If I sound sour, I'm not. We would have been happy for Thorsens to win as they would have split the property. We would have been happy for Cheryl and Mike also if they were willing to sell to everyone like we all would have. It would just be nice if they would just tell us their intentions.

Then we find out Jensens are moving all their trailers, boats, fire pit, maybe porta potty between Halls, McHenry and us till their home is built. They didn't have to tell us but it would have helped.

We have nothing against Mike and Cheryl and in fact we even like them and wish them well. Just wish they would be more open and up front with everyone so things wouldn't be such a shock.

Don't get me wrong, Mike and Cheryl have been good to us so far. They let us drive on their soon to be property. They let us park on it when we have campouts or need to park our trailer and play on it. We are thankful and appreciate it.

I talked to Cheryl today. It was a good talk. They plan on selling to neighbors after home is built. It might not be right away because Cheryl would like to live in their new home for awhile before working with neighbors. I believe they will sale to all of us. We should all talk more often.

We all just wished it could be kept as a nice lawn for all to use. Maybe it will be in the future.

Now for the big question. Why have a public hearing? What good does it do for any of us? Is it just to make us feel better?

Sincerely,

Peggy Birley

From: Jinene Erickson <pgejfe@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 11:16 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Notice of Public Hearing 1/26/2021

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City Council of Tacoma,

The owners of Lots 14 and 15 on Kris Kay Drive received your Notice in the mail. Our names are Patrick & Jinene Erickson, and Arne & Paula Thompson.

We don't know any details regarding this sale. But, we believe that the fair thing to do regarding the sale of that parcel of land would be to first offer it to the adjacent property owners, which would be Lots 1-4, and the lot owned by the Birley's before any one person should be able to buy all of the parcel. If one person owns all of it, that would block access to the lake. When these people bought their lots, they were told that they did have lake access properties. It isn't right to take that away from them.

Please consider this in your decision. Thank you.

Ericksons and Thompsons

From: Jinene Erickson <pgejfe@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 4:12 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Fwd: Kris Kay Drive

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Tacoma Power,

Please see the attached comment from co-owners of lots 14 & 15 of Kris Kay Addition regarding the Notice of Public Hearing to be held next Tuesday, on January 26th.

They also agree that the other lots adjacent should be able to buy the property behind their lots, before anyone else can buy all of that parcel.

Thanks,

The Ericksons

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Paula Thompson <paulat503@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 3:25 PM
Subject: Kris Kay Drive
To: Jinene Erickson <pgejfe@gmail.com>

Hello! Arne and I (Paula) think the fair thing to do, under the circumstances, is to make sure that lots 1,2, and 4 get the first option to purchase the excess Tacoma Power property.

Arne and Paula Thompson

From: Cheryl Jensen <jensen.cheryl@ymail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 4:09 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Muller, Gregory
Subject: Resolution 40720

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tacoma Power for the chance to make our original 95x100 ft lot on Kris Kay Drive one on which we can build our dream home. Without the additional property we would be unable to drill a well as three sides of our property have either a septic tank or a drain field on them so we cannot make the 100 ft requirement apart to drill a well. We can't get a septic tank without water.

It will be so worth the the many many phone calls and the countless hours on emails it truly has been an arduous process getting things done during the pandemic. Never in our wildest dreams did we think it would take this long. We have tried to be patient and hope our neighbors can be also. We fully intend to sell to all adjacent property owners that express an interest once the dust settles.

We're so excited to finally be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel!

Thanks again!
Mike and Cheryl Jensen

Sent from my iPhone

From: Nathan Schumer <nss2108@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:58 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: End Police Violence in Tacoma

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To the Mayor and Members of the Council,

I am writing to ask that there be accountability for the acts of the officer who ran over community members on the 23rd. I was disturbed to hear how much of the meeting on the 25th was given over to issues of street racing, and I think the core problem is that members of the police force need to be held accountable for their actions; in no case should a police officer assume that running over a bunch of people is a good idea. Likewise with the arrests of the organizers and the broken windows; accountability first and foremost needs to be focused on the police, and look at how this set of decisions even came to be made. This officer should be investigated, the hospital bills of those who were harmed should be covered, and those involved in the coverup of Manuel Ellis' murder should face accountability. Is the Tacoma Police Department deserving of the funding it gets, when it cannot do its day to day work in a way that doesn't endanger the community?

Nathan Schumer

From: John Adams <john.adams7@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:11 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: RE: police violence on 1/23

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Dear Council,

The actions of the officer driving the vehicle on Saturday night demonstrated a horrific disregard for human life. The officer was in the superior position and could have taken other actions. He was either poorly trained or deeply disturbed to believe that he had no other option. If he acted out of fear than he has no place in law enforcement, but it is more likely that he acted out of a lack of care. The officer must be dismissed immediately and held criminally liable for his actions.

Sincerely

John W Adams

Tacoma DSA

From: Kayla Quinn <kaylala427@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:59 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: 1/26 Public Comment

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Good afternoon,

I am not able to attend the virtual forum or weekly Council meeting on January 26, 2021 so I am writing to submit my comment on record instead.

Specifically, I want to voice my concern about the January 23rd downtown Tacoma violence that occurred when a Tacoma Police officer used excessive deadly force and ran into and over several citizens. The police officer and the Tacoma Police Department need to be held accountable to this horrible act. Why did an officer without a dash or body camera respond to this incident? Why did an officer without a dash or body camera decide to approach the crowd in their vehicle alone? Why didn't the officer back-up? There are so many questions needing answers, and so much of this incident is very suspect. But it comes down to a member of the police department using extremely poor judgement and committing a deadly act against citizens. There needs to be consequences for the officer and that choice immediately. The Tacoma Police Department needs to have ALL officers equipped with body cameras TODAY. Additionally, while we work to root out and overhaul this racist system, we need a full investigation into the police department as a whole. We need external, independent entities paired with members of the community (like CPAC) to be able to conduct and complete transparent reviews and investigation into the police department. One suggestion I heard during the CPAC meeting was having those members be present for officer trainings so they have a firsthand look at exactly what is being trained and how we can fix the training because clearly officers are not ready to be in the streets if they can't handle having citizens close to their vehicle and think the only option is deadly force.

Furthermore, the Council's decision during the Monday night Special Meeting to spend half of it talking about street racing and the laws surrounding that is completely unacceptable and embarrassing. This incident has become National news. The world is watching to see how you will respond and the action you will take. What I witnessed in that meeting was the Council deflecting the real problem and trying to create criminals out of citizens instead of shining a light on the real issue of the police officer, the police department, policing as an institution, and the victims and families being affected by this violent act. One Council member even described that they were uncomfortable with the kind of discussion that was being had because it was so far removed from the reason the meeting was called in the first place. I was uncomfortable too. I was angry. I'm still angry and disappointed. I expect so much more out of my City Council. I'm watching closely to see what will be done about this and will be following up. The investigation needs to be expedited and they need to allow eyewitness testimony and citizen video footage.

~Kayla Quinn

From: oakschiller2 <oakschiller2@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 2:30 PM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: City Council Comment

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Dear City Council

The incident that happened this Saturday is more evidence that the police too often escalate a situation, instead of helping it. We need to find solutions to our problems that don't involve the police, and we need to defund TPD.

Jay Oak-Schiller, South End

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Megan Capes <capesmegan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:03 AM
To: City Clerk's Office
Cc: Woodards, Victoria; Blocker, Keith; Thoms, Robert; Walker, Kristina; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; McCarthy, Conor; Hines, John; Hunter, Lillian
Subject: Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America Condemn Tacoma PD's Brutality

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Good morning y'all,

Listed below is a statement by Tacoma - Pierce County Democratic Socialists of America released yesterday via social media and sent to press contacts. I would like this submitted to the record for tonight's Community Forum. Thank you for your time in reading it. Feel free to reach out to me and my co-chair Rebecca Parson if you have any questions or would like to line up a meeting at chair@tacomadsa.org.

Community is reeling from the violent acts by Tacoma PD this weekend. As elected leaders of our community, I stand with Abolitionists of Pierce County in demanding justice and accountability which include:

1. Firing the officer who ran over our people
2. Firing Elizabeth Pauli as City Manager and moving to a strong-council model that is accountable to the people.
3. Justice for Manuel Ellis
4. Defund Tacoma Police Dept

In solidarity,

Megan Capes (she/her/hers)

Tacoma DSA co-chair



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 25, 2021

Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America Condemn Tacoma PD's Brutality

TACOMA, WA - Tacoma-Pierce County Democratic Socialists of America (TDSA) strongly condemns the actions of the Tacoma Police Department officer who ran down pedestrians late Saturday night in yet another act of police brutality carried out upon our neighbors. This was not a random act, but the result of continued refusals by City Manager Elizabeth Pauli to bring violent officers to justice, including those who murdered Manuel Ellis in March last year.

City Manager Pauli was not elected to her position, and has proven that she does not represent the people of Tacoma or their best interests. For this reason, we strongly urge Mayor Woodards and the City Council to fire City Manager Elizabeth Pauli, and commit to meaningful city charter reform to eliminate this unelected position and empower the council to act.

We further condemn the arrest of local community organizers with Tacoma Action Collective and Tacoma Protest Daily at Saturday night's protest. Additionally, Tacoma PD officers stood by and watched as a far-right agitator maced and threw punches at the crowd gathered to protest TPD's violence.

In the almost one year since Tacoma Police Officers murdered Manuel Ellis, there has still been no serious attempt by the city to curb TPD's brutality. We condemn in the strongest terms all police violence against the people of our city, and again call on the City Council to defund and disband this department which sucks up our city's resources while brutalizing our people.

Tacoma DSA is a socialist organization whose members live and work in Tacoma and Pierce County. We envision a humane social order based on popular control of resources and production, economic planning, equitable distribution, and total social equality for all people.

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From: Leslie Makue <misslesliemakue@outlook.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 12:46 AM

To: City Clerk's Office

Subject: Saturdays incident * street racing

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Its unfortunate that people were ran over by the police, that should have been handled better by Tacoma PD. However, all of those people are old enough to know that what they were doing was not only unsafe, but illegal! If people choose to take part in doing donuts in the middle of an intersection...be a bystander and watch...then you should know those types of engagements can get out of hand quickly! Just like this incident.

Again, if people weren't breaking the law...then there wouldn't have been such a large gathering.

The police wouldn't have come, no one would have gotten ran over. Don't cry over spilled milk..that comes with the territory.

The police officer handled that poorly and should be retrained for sure.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: there will be more street racing, donuts and car shows to come...City leaders should understand this! This is what the kids do..youll need to be able to tap in and get their perspective...or you can have riots, protests and destruction of property. Just like Seattle.

Summer is approaching...IT COULD POTENTIALLY GET OUT OF HAND QUICKLY and City leaders NEED YOUNGER COMMUNITY Members and LEADERS TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS AND THE CITIES Future EXPECTATIONS..

My suggestion .provide them a designated area..

Away from traffic, intersections, people...businesses. If you want to street race, do donuts...etc.. This is space to do it at...but they assume liability at their own risk, the city

is not legally responsible for any mishaps that may occur.

If not, theyll continue to keep doing what their doing...and it will continue to be a problem...we'll be on here next year saying the same thing! You can fine them, arrest them, put more patrols out...but you won't stop them! There are too many of them...who do this for fun...theyre everywhere...traveling city to city...in just one night...Ive witnessed it personally! Impossible to stop.

Sincerely,

Leslie Makue

Tacoma home owner

Lincoln/Eastside area

From: Rob Rainwater <rcrainwater1@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:24 AM

To: City Clerk's Office

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Police officer mobbed by street racers.

I am totally in support of our police dept., and absolutely am disappointed in the disrespectful mob confronting the police. Our community must stand in support of our police officers, and fight the only legacy left behind by the trump administration. "Stupid people in large number rules the situation". Dont let these idiots define one officers career by their stupidity. Thankyou.

Rob Rainwater

From: Debra James <Debra8234930@mail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:44 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: ! ongoing road condition issues 1/14/21

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Hello!

Can the City of Tacoma please somehow do something about the horrible road condition right at the intersection of North Orchard and North 46th street? (Particularly if driving westbound on 46th right at that intersection.) This is the shoddiest construction finish work I have ever driven my car over, and on a daily basis I have to slow down to about 5-mph as I creep over this section of road repair, for fear there will be damage to my car's suspension.

Furthermore, I can't believe there are no road signs warning motorcyclists to use extreme caution at that area. I realize the speed limit is under 30-mph here but unfortunately people constantly drive way too fast on this street.

I just feel that the subcontractor (hired by the city) to perform this road work needs to be responsible for completing the repair correctly so the road is flat and safe.

And on another note - Ruston Way is falling apart as a result of all the rain. Pothole after pothole after pothole. I fear that one day some 25 foot pothole will form (or sinkhole) that someone will drive right into (just like it already happened there back in 2016) and this will be a disaster. Maybe it's time to completely re-surface this whole road.

Thanks

Debra
Tacoma, WA

From: Chris Moore <cdmoore207@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:15 PM
To: Pauli, Elizabeth; Pauli, Elizabeth; City Manager; TPD-IA; Woodards, Victoria; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine; Beale, Chris; Hunter, Lillian; McCarthy, Conor; Walker, Kristina; City Clerk's Office
Subject: URGENT

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Hello,

I am calling on you all as city employees to abolish the Tacoma Pol*ce Department for their gross misconduct in the hit and run last night and for the ongoing disrespect they have given to the family of **MANU3L 3LLIS**.

This has gone on long enough, the people of Tacoma need better leadership that will dissolve the pol*ce department and redistribute funds back to the community. You can no longer sit in silence, we have never stopped listening, your silence is deafening. Please do something for the love of all that is good. **It is abhorrent that the city has not fired the occifers involved in the m*rder of MANU3L 3LLIS and the occifer who drove through the crowd last night.**

Be better. Do something. What are we paying you for.

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Chris Moore

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From: luciadill@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Ushka, Catherine; Woodards, Victoria
Cc: City Manager; City Clerk's Office
Subject: Response to January 23, 2021

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Dear Mayor Woodards and Council Member Ushka,

I am a constitute of Tacoma, zip code 98408, District 4. I am writing again with concern about the Tacoma Police Department after a police officer was filmed accelerating into a crowd on 9th and Pacific on January 23rd. In response, I demand that the city government to take 4 main actions as quickly as possible:

1. Fire Tacoma Police Officer Khanh Phan, the officer responsible, immediately
2. There needs to be an independent investigation of the officer and these violent action
3. City council needs to defund the TPD by 50%
4. Use these funds to bolster current and new services and programs that support: housing, food, education and other community security needs. It's time to serve the whole community and its safety, particularly by listening to BIPOC leadership and demands.

The violent response of January 23rd is a clear indication of violence of the Tacoma Police Department. Instead of upholding public safety, the actions of last night continue to reveal a lack of safety when the police officer put a number of people in jeopardy and injured at least one person.

This act come after many others, in particular the 5 officers who are still under investigation for the murder of Manuel Ellis (which even with video proof is still in question almost a year later).

We demand accountability and an end to police violence. Please support me and the many Tacoma community members who have been demanding to defund the police in order to begin to build a better Tacoma.

Sincerely,
Lucia Dill

S Sheridan Ave
Tacoma, WA 98408

From: Robb Krehbiel <robb.krehbiel@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Woodards, Victoria; Beale, Chris; Walker, Kristina; McCarthy, Conor; Hunter, Lillian; City Clerk's Office; Hines, John; Thoms, Robert; Blocker, Keith; Ushka, Catherine
Subject: Tacoma Police Reform and Accountability

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Mayor Woodards, Deputy Mayor Blocker, and City Councilmembers,

Like many Tacomans, I woke up feeling angry and hopeless. Last night, when responding to reports of street racing, Tacoma Police officers ran over a crowd of protesters. The videos that appeared last night highlighted three main things for me.

First, the Tacoma Police are not trusted by the community. Whenever I see police, I fear that they are bringing violence, harassment, and death to my neighborhood. Tacoma Police murdered Manny Ellis not too far from my house. When cops arrive on the scene they escalate problems; they do not solve them.

Second, the Tacoma Police have little to no regard for human life and they are not capable of responding to situations calmly or peacefully. The few interactions I have had with police in Tacoma have been with hot-headed men who act like military officers, not community resources.

Lastly, last night highlighted the lack of action being taken by my city government. What is being done to hold police accountable in this city? What is being done to reform policing in our city? I've heard heartfelt speeches from many of you, and have even seen some of you at protests for racial justice and policing reform. What I haven't seen is any action. I haven't seen leadership. I haven't seen the police officers who murdered Tacomans fired. I haven't seen any accountability for Tacoma City Manager Elizabeth Pauli, who is obstructing justice and reform.

What is the city council doing for policing in Tacoma? You approved a raise for Ms. Pauli, despite the fact that she did not fire any of the cops who murdered Manny Ellis (as requested by Mayor Woodards). I have seen the city budget for police increase despite consistent calls from the community to reduce Tacoma's policing budget. I have also seen the city council kick the can of reform down the road, planning to study reforms for several years, which will likely be followed by several more years of policy debate around the recommendations from the study, and ultimately resulting in only partial implementation of a handful of the recommended reforms. All the while, police in Tacoma will continue killing, injuring, and harassing people.

I don't see any urgency. I don't see any boldness. I don't see any action.

I feel beyond frustrated to see the name of my city, once again, making national headlines because of the horrendous actions of a police department I unwillingly fund with my tax dollars. I am also beyond disappointed that my city council is failing to act as police continue to terrorize our communities.

Please let me know what actions are being taken to hold the specific police officers involved with excessive and deadly use of force incidences. Also let me know what specific actions the city plans to take to reform policing in Tacoma, including the timeline for these actions.

Thank you.

Robb Krehbiel

206-883-7401

7521 E. E St.

Tacoma, WA 98404

From: Vee VanderSanden <vee@nventure.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 7:44 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Officer Response to Illegal Street Racing

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I just heard on KOMO's evening report that our Tacoma City Council is interested in public comments. I applaud the Council for that. I realize I've missed today's City Council meeting. I understand the investigation will be ongoing for some time, so I hope my message will also be considered with others as the Council wrestles with this difficult situation.

I'm personally very sorry that anyone was injured in that situation. With the understanding that the officer was a longtime officer with a good record, I highly doubt he intended to hurt anyone.

There's no way to know for sure, but while in the situation (angry mob surrounding his vehicle, pounding and threatening behavior), I expect the officer experienced fear, panic, anger, frustration and a lot of pressure to figure out what to do — and quickly before something much worse took place.

Could he have done better? Maybe. I don't know what that better response might have been but I expect lots of people have opinions on that. But I wonder whether this officer had any training or prior experience on what to do in that situation? And he did what he could in the moment. So while he hurt someone, I sincerely believe he did it out of fear and panic and not with any intent to harm. But I guess that may be one of the facts the investigation may determine.

The other thing I hope the Council will consider is: would a reasonably prudent person stand in front of a running car? Never mind that a reasonably prudent person would not have been street racing in the first place. When a person is part of an angry mob violently attacking a car, a reasonably prudent person simply cannot have the expectation to be safe. If they aren't hurt by the car itself, people can be hurt by their fellow mobsters — accidentally or otherwise.

While it is truly regrettable that anyone was hurt, the street racing activity itself was dangerous, the behavior of the mob was dangerous, and the situation with the police car was dangerous. I'm thankful it wasn't worse.

We've all heard about the riots in Seattle and Portland which were allowed to continue for too long, without consequences and even now the people perpetrating violence and destruction are arrested in Seattle then freed soon after. I suspect this has emboldened some to push against the law for their own purposes. So while the officer may not have been prepared for the situation last weekend, I hope there will be discussions and ideas for appropriate responses in the future.

People are entitled to free speech and I'm proud our country protects it. But violence and destruction have always been illegal and I hope Seattle City Council comes to its senses soon. From what I've read, the entire city is beholden somehow to an extreme ideal based on misguided/uninformed opinions.

I like to think that Tacoma City Council will set a much better example. It is possible to uphold the laws we all live by with compassion where appropriate. The fact that the Council has invited public comment already sets you apart from the others.

Thank you very much.

Vee VanderSanden
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Sent from Vee's iPhone

From: Tovah Ahdut <Nudnikeet@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 6:05 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: Racing and Rioting

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Please help me to understand why so many are furious at the actions of the officer who did not intend to harm anyone when he attempted to move from the crowd that had converged on his vehicle, yet bears responsibility for the outcome, but no one seems to comment on the dangerous situation road racing in the middle of town was. If someone was injured or even killed by the racing cars, would that have been okay? How about the businesses whose windows were smashed? The graffiti that called for "killing cops"? How does allowing lawlessness repair the travesties of racism? What about personal responsibility?

I would sincerely appreciate a response.

Sent from my iPad

From: Jay Fish <bartenderfarmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 5:23 PM
To: City Clerk's Office
Subject: City of Tacoma Council Adoption of the Geroge Floyd police reform act Asap as a start.
Attachments: CRPT-116hrpt434 (1).pdf
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I'm honored to speak with all of you today on this need of great help for we the people.

My public comments are very short and to the point.

I think the first step for public safety for all our citizens in the City of Tacoma is to adopt the George Floyd police reform act pass by the House of Representatives. I have put a PDF attachment of the Geroge Floyd police reform act. Why reinvent the wheel folk's. It holds everyone accountable. Yes this should be done on both the Pierce County Council as well as the State of Washington. Let's lead not follow other mistakes and examples of real change for the City of Tacoma Washington.

Thanks for letting me bend your ears and eyes on this important first step on police reform and community buy in to working together to solve real common sense issues.

I live on the Eastside of Tacoma Washington and loving it. Just don't want to get shot or ran over by anyone including my public safety officers vehicle.

Sincerely

Jay Fish

1509 E.38th street Tacoma WA 98404

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116TH CONGRESS }
2d Session } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES { REPT. 116-434
Part 1

GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2020

—————
JUNE 19, 2020.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed
—————

Mr. NADLER, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 7120]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 7120) to hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve transparency through data collection, and reform police training and policies, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

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The amendment is as follows:
Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Definitions.

TITLE I—POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Subtitle A—Holding Police Accountable in the Courts

- Sec. 101. Deprivation of rights under color of law.
- Sec. 102. Qualified immunity reform.
- Sec. 103. Pattern and practice investigations.
- Sec. 104. Independent investigations.

Subtitle B—Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act

- Sec. 111. Short title.
- Sec. 112. Definitions.
- Sec. 113. Accreditation of law enforcement agencies.
- Sec. 114. Law enforcement grants.
- Sec. 115. Attorney General to conduct study.
- Sec. 116. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 117. National task force on law enforcement oversight.
- Sec. 118. Federal data collection on law enforcement practices.

TITLE II—POLICING TRANSPARENCY THROUGH DATA

Subtitle A—National Police Misconduct Registry

- Sec. 201. Establishment of National Police Misconduct Registry.
- Sec. 202. Certification requirements for hiring of law enforcement officers.

Subtitle B—PRIDE Act

- Sec. 221. Short title.
- Sec. 222. Definitions.
- Sec. 223. Use of force reporting.
- Sec. 224. Use of force data reporting.
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SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **BYRNE GRANT PROGRAM.**—The term “Byrne grant program” means any grant program under subpart 1 of part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10151 et seq.), without regard to whether the funds are characterized as being made available under the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Programs, the Local Government Law Enforcement Block Grants Program, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, or otherwise.

(2) **COPS GRANT PROGRAM.**—The term “COPS grant program” means the grant program authorized under section 1701 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381).

(3) **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**—The term “Federal law enforcement agency” means any agency of the United States authorized to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of Federal criminal law.

(4) **FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.**—The term “Federal law enforcement officer” has the meaning given the term in section 115 of title 18, United States Code.

(5) **INDIAN TRIBE.**—The term “Indian Tribe” has the meaning given the term “Indian tribe” in section 901 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10251).

(6) **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.**—The term “local law enforcement officer” means any officer, agent, or employee of a State or unit of local government authorized by law or by a government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, or investigation of any violation of criminal law.

(7) **STATE.**—The term “State” has the meaning given the term in section 901 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10251).

(8) **TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.**—The term “tribal law enforcement officer” means any officer, agent, or employee of an Indian tribe, or the Bureau of Indian Affairs, authorized by law or by a government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, or investigation of any violation of criminal law.

(9) **UNIT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**—The term “unit of local government” has the meaning given the term in section 901 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10251).

(10) **DEADLY FORCE.**—The term “deadly force” means that force which a reasonable person would consider likely to cause death or serious bodily harm, including—

- (A) the discharge of a firearm;
- (B) a maneuver that restricts blood or oxygen flow to the brain, including chokeholds, strangleholds, neck restraints, neckholds, and carotid artery restraints; and
- (C) multiple discharges of an electronic control weapon.

(11) **USE OF FORCE.**—The term “use of force” includes—

- (A) the use of a firearm, Taser, explosive device, chemical agent (such as pepper spray), baton, impact projectile, blunt instrument, hand, fist, foot, canine, or vehicle against an individual;
- (B) the use of a weapon, including a personal body weapon, chemical agent, impact weapon, extended range impact weapon, sonic weapon, sensory weapon, conducted energy device, or firearm, against an individual; or
- (C) any intentional pointing of a firearm at an individual.

(12) LESS LETHAL FORCE.—The term “less lethal force” means any degree of force that is not likely to cause death or serious bodily injury.

(13) FACIAL RECOGNITION.—The term “facial recognition” means an automated or semiautomated process that analyzes biometric data of an individual from video footage to identify or assist in identifying an individual.

TITLE I—POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Subtitle A—Holding Police Accountable in the Courts

SEC. 101. DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER COLOR OF LAW.

Section 242 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “willfully” and inserting “knowingly or recklessly”;

(2) by striking “, or may be sentenced to death”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: “For purposes of this section, an act shall be considered to have resulted in death if the act was a substantial factor contributing to the death of the person.”

SEC. 102. QUALIFIED IMMUNITY REFORM.

Section 1979 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (42 U.S.C. 1983) is amended by adding at the end the following: “It shall not be a defense or immunity in any action brought under this section against a local law enforcement officer (as such term is defined in section 2 of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020), or in any action under any source of law against a Federal investigative or law enforcement officer (as such term is defined in section 2680(h) of title 28, United States Code), that—

“(1) the defendant was acting in good faith, or that the defendant believed, reasonably or otherwise, that his or her conduct was lawful at the time when the conduct was committed; or

“(2) the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws were not clearly established at the time of their deprivation by the defendant, or that at such time, the state of the law was otherwise such that the defendant could not reasonably have been expected to know whether his or her conduct was lawful.”

SEC. 103. PATTERN AND PRACTICE INVESTIGATIONS.

(a) SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—Section 210401 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12601) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, by prosecutors,” after “conduct by law enforcement officers”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “subsection (a)”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the authority in subsection (b), the Attorney General may require by subpoena the production of all information, documents, reports, answers, records, accounts, papers, and other data in any medium (including electronically stored information), as well as any tangible thing and documentary evidence, and the attendance and testimony of witnesses necessary in the performance of the Attorney General under subsection (b). Such a subpoena, in the case of contumacy or refusal to obey, shall be enforceable by order of any appropriate district court of the United States.

“(d) CIVIL ACTION BY STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL.—Whenever it shall appear to the attorney general of any State, or such other official as a State may designate, that a violation of subsection (a) has occurred within their State, the State attorney general or official, in the name of the State, may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate equitable and declaratory relief to eliminate the pattern or practice. In carrying out the authority in this subsection, the State attorney general or official shall have the same subpoena authority as is available to the Attorney General under subsection (c).

“(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to limit the authority of the Attorney General under subsection (b) in any case in which a State attorney general has brought a civil action under subsection (d).

“(f) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—On the date that is one year after the enactment of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020, and annually thereafter, the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall make publicly available on an internet website a report on, during the previous year—

- “(1) the number of preliminary investigations of violations of subsection (a) that were commenced;
- “(2) the number of preliminary investigations of violations of subsection (a) that were resolved; and
- “(3) the status of any pending investigations of violations of subsection (a).”.

(b) GRANT PROGRAM.—

(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General may award a grant to a State to assist the State in conducting pattern and practice investigations under section 210401(d) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12601).

(2) APPLICATION.—A State seeking a grant under paragraph (1) shall submit an application in such form, at such time, and containing such information as the Attorney General may require.

(3) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$100,000,000 to the Attorney General for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2023 to carry out this subsection.

(c) DATA ON EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE.—Section 210402 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12602) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “The Attorney General” and inserting the following:

“(1) FEDERAL COLLECTION OF DATA.—The Attorney General”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) STATE COLLECTION OF DATA.—The attorney general of a State may, through appropriate means, acquire data about the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers and such data may be used by the attorney general in conducting investigations under section 210401. This data may not contain any information that may reveal the identity of the victim or any law enforcement officer.”; and

(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) LIMITATION ON USE OF DATA ACQUIRED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Data acquired under subsection (a)(1) shall be used only for research or statistical purposes and may not contain any information that may reveal the identity of the victim or any law enforcement officer.”.

SEC. 104. INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION.—The term “independent investigation” means a criminal investigation or prosecution of a law enforcement officer’s use of deadly force, including one or more of the following:

(i) Using an agency or civilian review board that investigates and independently reviews all allegations of use of deadly force made against law enforcement officers in the jurisdiction.

(ii) Assigning of the attorney general of the State in which the alleged use of deadly force was committed to conduct the criminal investigation and prosecution.

(iii) Adopting a procedure under which an independent prosecutor is assigned to investigate and prosecute the case, including a procedure under which an automatic referral is made to an independent prosecutor appointed and overseen by the attorney general of the State in which the alleged use of deadly force was committed.

(iv) Adopting a procedure under which an independent prosecutor is assigned to investigate and prosecute the case.

(v) Having law enforcement agencies agree to and implement memoranda of understanding with other law enforcement agencies under which the other law enforcement agencies—

(I) shall conduct the criminal investigation into the alleged use of deadly force; and

(II) upon conclusion of the criminal investigation, shall file a report with the attorney general of the State containing a determination regarding whether—

(aa) the use of deadly force was appropriate; and

(bb) any action should be taken by the attorney general of the State.

(vi) Any substantially similar procedure to ensure impartiality in the investigation or prosecution.

(B) INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT STATUTE.—The term “independent investigation of law enforcement statute” means a statute requiring an independent investigation in a criminal matter in which—

- (i) one or more of the possible defendants is a law enforcement officer;
 - (ii) one or more of the alleged offenses involves the law enforcement officer's use of deadly force in the course of carrying out that officer's duty; and
 - (iii) the non-Federal law enforcement officer's use of deadly force resulted in a death or injury.
- (C) INDEPENDENT PROSECUTOR.—The term “independent prosecutor” means, with respect to a criminal investigation or prosecution of a law enforcement officer's use of deadly force, a prosecutor who—
- (i) does not oversee or regularly rely on the law enforcement agency by which the law enforcement officer under investigation is employed; and
 - (ii) would not be involved in the prosecution in the ordinary course of that prosecutor's duties.
- (2) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Attorney General may award grants to eligible States and Indian Tribes to assist in implementing an independent investigation of law enforcement statute.
- (3) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under this subsection, a State or Indian Tribe shall have in effect an independent investigation of law enforcement statute.
- (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General \$750,000,000 for fiscal years 2021 through 2023 to carry out this subsection.
- (b) COPS GRANT PROGRAM USED FOR CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARDS.—Part Q of title I of the of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381 et seq.) is amended—
- (1) in section 1701(b) (34 U.S.C. 10381(b))—
 - (A) by redesignating paragraphs (22) and (23) as paragraphs (23) and (24), respectively;
 - (B) in paragraph (23), as so redesignated, by striking “(21)” and inserting “(22)”; and
 - (C) by inserting after paragraph (21) the following:
 - “(22) to develop best practices for and to create civilian review boards;”;
 - (2) in section 1709 (34 U.S.C. 10389), by adding at the end the following:
 - “(8) ‘civilian review board’ means an administrative entity that investigates civilian complaints against law enforcement officers and—
 - “(A) is independent and adequately funded;
 - “(B) has investigatory authority and subpoena power;
 - “(C) has representative community diversity;
 - “(D) has policy making authority;
 - “(E) provides advocates for civilian complainants;
 - “(F) may conduct hearings; and
 - “(G) conducts statistical studies on prevailing complaint trends.”.

Subtitle B—Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act

SEC. 111. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020”.

SEC. 112. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

(1) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION.—The term “community-based organization” means a grassroots organization that monitors the issue of police misconduct and that has a local or national presence and membership, such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), UnidosUS, the National Urban League, the National Congress of American Indians, or the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium (NAPALC).

(2) LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION.—The term “law enforcement accreditation organization” means a professional law enforcement organization involved in the development of standards of accreditation for law enforcement agencies at the national, State, regional, or Tribal level, such as the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

(3) **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**—The term “law enforcement agency” means a State, local, Indian tribal, or campus public agency engaged in the prevention, detection, investigation, prosecution, or adjudication of violations of criminal laws.

(4) **PROFESSIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION.**—The term “professional law enforcement association” means a law enforcement membership association that works for the needs of Federal, State, local, or Indian tribal law enforcement agencies and with the civilian community on matters of common interest, such as the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association (HAPCOA), the National Asian Pacific Officers Association (NAPOA), the National Black Police Association (NBPA), the National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA), the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Women in Law Enforcement, the Native American Law Enforcement Association (NALEA), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the National Sheriffs’ Association (NSA), the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), or the National Association of School Resource Officers.

(5) **PROFESSIONAL CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT ORGANIZATION.**—The term “professional civilian oversight organization” means a membership organization formed to address and advance civilian oversight of law enforcement and whose members are from Federal, State, regional, local, or Tribal organizations that review issues or complaints against law enforcement agencies or officers, such as the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE).

SEC. 113. ACCREDITATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

(a) **STANDARDS.**—

(1) **INITIAL ANALYSIS.**—The Attorney General shall perform an initial analysis of existing accreditation standards and methodology developed by law enforcement accreditation organizations nationwide, including national, State, regional, and Tribal accreditation organizations. Such an analysis shall include a review of the recommendations of the Final Report of the President’s Taskforce on 21st Century Policing, issued by the Department of Justice, in May 2015.

(2) **DEVELOPMENT OF UNIFORM STANDARDS.**—After completion of the initial review and analysis under paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall—

(A) recommend, in consultation with law enforcement accreditation organizations and community-based organizations, the adoption of additional standards that will result in greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies and an increased focus on policing with a guardian mentality, including standards relating to—

- (i) early warning systems and related intervention programs;
- (ii) use of force procedures;
- (iii) civilian review procedures;
- (iv) traffic and pedestrian stop and search procedures;
- (v) data collection and transparency;
- (vi) administrative due process requirements;
- (vii) video monitoring technology;
- (viii) youth justice and school safety; and
- (ix) recruitment, hiring, and training; and

(B) recommend additional areas for the development of national standards for the accreditation of law enforcement agencies in consultation with existing law enforcement accreditation organizations, professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations, community-based organizations, and professional civilian oversight organizations.

(3) **CONTINUING ACCREDITATION PROCESS.**—The Attorney General shall adopt policies and procedures to partner with law enforcement accreditation organizations, professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations, community-based organizations, and professional civilian oversight organizations to—

(A) continue the development of further accreditation standards consistent with paragraph (2);

(B) encourage the pursuit of accreditation of Federal, State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies by certified law enforcement accreditation organizations; and

(C) develop recommendations for implementation of a national accreditation requirement tied to Federal grant eligibility.

(b) **USE OF FUNDS REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 502(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10153(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7) An assurance that, for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 5 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to assist law enforcement agencies of the applicant, including

campus public safety departments, gain or maintain accreditation from certified law enforcement accreditation organizations in accordance with section 113 of the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020.”.

SEC. 114. LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS.

(a) **USE OF FUNDS REQUIREMENT.**—Section 502(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10153(a)), as amended by section 113, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(8) An assurance that, for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 5 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to study and implement effective management, training, recruiting, hiring, and oversight standards and programs to promote effective community and problem solving strategies for law enforcement agencies in accordance with section 114 of the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020.”.

(b) **GRANT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.**—The Attorney General may make grants to community-based organizations to study and implement—

(1) effective management, training, recruiting, hiring, and oversight standards and programs to promote effective community and problem solving strategies for law enforcement agencies; or

(2) effective strategies and solutions to public safety, including strategies that do not rely on Federal and local law enforcement agency responses.

(c) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Grant amounts described in paragraph (8) of section 502(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10153(a)), as added by subsection (a) of this section, and grant amounts awarded under subsection (b) shall be used to—

(1) study management and operations standards for law enforcement agencies, including standards relating to administrative due process, residency requirements, compensation and benefits, use of force, racial profiling, early warning and intervention systems, youth justice, school safety, civilian review boards or analogous procedures, or research into the effectiveness of existing programs, projects, or other activities designed to address misconduct; and

(2) develop pilot programs and implement effective standards and programs in the areas of training, hiring and recruitment, and oversight that are designed to improve management and address misconduct by law enforcement officers.

(d) **COMPONENTS OF PILOT PROGRAM.**—A pilot program developed under subsection (c)(2) shall include implementation of the following:

(1) **TRAINING.**—The implementation of policies, practices, and procedures addressing training and instruction to comply with accreditation standards in the areas of—

(A) the use of deadly force, less lethal force, and de-escalation tactics and techniques;

(B) investigation of officer misconduct and practices and procedures for referring to prosecuting authorities allegations of officer use of excessive force or racial profiling;

(C) disproportionate contact by law enforcement with minority communities;

(D) tactical and defensive strategy;

(E) arrests, searches, and restraint;

(F) professional verbal communications with civilians;

(G) interactions with—

(i) youth;

(ii) individuals with disabilities;

(iii) individuals with limited English proficiency; and

(iv) multi-cultural communities;

(H) proper traffic, pedestrian, and other enforcement stops; and

(I) community relations and bias awareness.

(2) **RECRUITMENT, HIRING, RETENTION, AND PROMOTION OF DIVERSE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**—Policies, procedures, and practices for—

(A) the hiring and recruitment of diverse law enforcement officers who are representative of the communities they serve;

(B) the development of selection, promotion, educational, background, and psychological standards that comport with title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000e et seq.); and

(C) initiatives to encourage residency in the jurisdiction served by the law enforcement agency and continuing education.

(3) **OVERSIGHT.**—Complaint procedures, including the establishment of civilian review boards or analogous procedures for jurisdictions across a range of sizes and agency configurations, complaint procedures by community-based or-

ganizations, early warning systems and related intervention programs, video monitoring technology, data collection and transparency, and administrative due process requirements inherent to complaint procedures for members of the public and law enforcement.

(4) YOUTH JUSTICE AND SCHOOL SAFETY.—Uniform standards on youth justice and school safety that include best practices for law enforcement interaction and communication with children and youth, taking into consideration adolescent development and any disability, including—

(A) the right to effective and timely notification of a parent or legal guardian of any law enforcement interaction, regardless of the immigration status of the individuals involved; and

(B) the creation of positive school climates by improving school conditions for learning by—

(i) eliminating school-based arrests and referrals to law enforcement;

(ii) using evidence-based preventative measures and alternatives to school-based arrests and referrals to law enforcement, such as restorative justice and healing practices; and

(iii) using school-wide positive behavioral interventions and supports.

(5) VICTIM SERVICES.—Counseling services, including psychological counseling, for individuals and communities impacted by law enforcement misconduct.

(e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may provide technical assistance to States and community-based organizations in furtherance of the purposes of this section.

(2) MODELS FOR REDUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT.—The technical assistance provided by the Attorney General may include the development of models for States and community-based organizations to reduce law enforcement officer misconduct. Any development of such models shall be in consultation with community-based organizations.

(f) USE OF COMPONENTS.—The Attorney General may use any component or components of the Department of Justice in carrying out this section.

(g) APPLICATIONS.—An application for a grant under subsection (b) shall be submitted in such form, and contain such information, as the Attorney General may prescribe by rule.

(h) PERFORMANCE EVALUATION.—

(1) MONITORING COMPONENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each program, project, or activity funded under this section shall contain a monitoring component, which shall be developed pursuant to rules made by the Attorney General.

(B) REQUIREMENT.—Each monitoring component required under subparagraph (A) shall include systematic identification and collection of data about activities, accomplishments, and programs throughout the duration of the program, project, or activity and presentation of such data in a usable form.

(2) EVALUATION COMPONENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Selected grant recipients shall be evaluated on the local level or as part of a national evaluation, pursuant to rules made by the Attorney General.

(B) REQUIREMENTS.—An evaluation conducted under subparagraph (A) may include independent audits of police behavior and other assessments of individual program implementations. For community-based organizations in selected jurisdictions that are able to support outcome evaluations, the effectiveness of funded programs, projects, and activities may be required.

(3) PERIODIC REVIEW AND REPORTS.—The Attorney General may require a grant recipient to submit biannually to the Attorney General the results of the monitoring and evaluations required under paragraphs (1) and (2) and such other data and information as the Attorney General determines to be necessary.

(i) REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF FUNDING.—If the Attorney General determines, as a result of monitoring under subsection (h) or otherwise, that a grant recipient under the Byrne grant program or under subsection (b) is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of this section, the Attorney General may revoke or suspend funding of that grant, in whole or in part.

(j) CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD DEFINED.—In this section, the term “civilian review board” means an administrative entity that investigates civilian complaints against law enforcement officers and—

(1) is independent and adequately funded;

(2) has investigatory authority and subpoena power;

(3) has representative community diversity;

(4) has policy making authority;

(5) provides advocates for civilian complainants;

- (6) may conduct hearings; and
- (7) conducts statistical studies on prevailing complaint trends.

(k) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2021 to carry out the grant program authorized under subsection (b).

SEC. 115. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONDUCT STUDY.

(a) **STUDY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Attorney General shall conduct a nationwide study of the prevalence and effect of any law, rule, or procedure that allows a law enforcement officer to delay the response to questions posed by a local internal affairs officer, or review board on the investigative integrity and prosecution of law enforcement misconduct, including pre-interview warnings and termination policies.

(2) **INITIAL ANALYSIS.**—The Attorney General shall perform an initial analysis of existing State laws, rules, and procedures to determine whether, at a threshold level, the effect of the type of law, rule, or procedure that raises material investigatory issues that could impair or hinder a prompt and thorough investigation of possible misconduct, including criminal conduct.

(3) **DATA COLLECTION.**—After completion of the initial analysis under paragraph (2), and considering material investigatory issues, the Attorney General shall gather additional data nationwide on similar laws, rules, and procedures from a representative and statistically significant sample of jurisdictions, to determine whether such laws, rules, and procedures raise such material investigatory issues.

(b) **REPORTING.**—

(1) **INITIAL ANALYSIS.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall—

(A) submit to Congress a report containing the results of the initial analysis conducted under subsection (a)(2);

(B) make the report submitted under subparagraph (A) available to the public; and

(C) identify the jurisdictions for which the study described in subsection (a)(3) is to be conducted.

(2) **DATA COLLECTED.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of the data collected under this section and publish the report in the Federal Register.

SEC. 116. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2021, in addition to any other sums authorized to be appropriated—

(1) \$25,000,000 for additional expenses relating to the enforcement of section 210401 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12601), criminal enforcement under sections 241 and 242 of title 18, United States Code, and administrative enforcement by the Department of Justice of such sections, including compliance with consent decrees or judgments entered into under such section 210401; and

(2) \$3,300,000 for additional expenses related to conflict resolution by the Department of Justice’s Community Relations Service.

SEC. 117. NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established within the Department of Justice a task force to be known as the Task Force on Law Enforcement Oversight (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Task Force”).

(b) **COMPOSITION.**—The Task Force shall be composed of individuals appointed by the Attorney General, who shall appoint not less than 1 individual from each of the following:

- (1) The Special Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division.
- (2) The Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division.
- (3) The Federal Coordination and Compliance Section of the Civil Rights Division.
- (4) The Employment Litigation Section of the Civil Rights Division.
- (5) The Disability Rights Section of the Civil Rights Division.
- (6) The Office of Justice Programs.
- (7) The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).
- (8) The Corruption/Civil Rights Section of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- (9) The Community Relations Service.
- (10) The Office of Tribal Justice.

(11) The unit within the Department of Justice assigned as a liaison for civilian review boards.

(c) **POWERS AND DUTIES.**—The Task Force shall consult with professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations, and community-based organizations to coordinate the process of the detection and referral of complaints regarding incidents of alleged law enforcement misconduct.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each fiscal year to carry out this section.

SEC. 118. FEDERAL DATA COLLECTION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES.

(a) **AGENCIES TO REPORT.**—Each Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agency shall report data of the practices enumerated in subsection (c) of that agency to the Attorney General.

(b) **BREAKDOWN OF INFORMATION BY RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER.**—For each practice enumerated in subsection (c), the reporting law enforcement agency shall provide a breakdown of the numbers of incidents of that practice by race, ethnicity, age, and gender of the officers of the agency and of members of the public involved in the practice.

(c) **PRACTICES TO BE REPORTED ON.**—The practices to be reported on are the following:

- (1) Traffic violation stops.
- (2) Pedestrian stops.
- (3) Frisk and body searches.
- (4) Instances where law enforcement officers used deadly force, including—
 - (A) a description of when and where deadly force was used, and whether it resulted in death;
 - (B) a description of deadly force directed against an officer and whether it resulted in injury or death; and
 - (C) the law enforcement agency's justification for use of deadly force, if the agency determines it was justified.

(d) **RETENTION OF DATA.**—Each law enforcement agency required to report data under this section shall maintain records relating to any matter reported for not less than 4 years after those records are created.

(e) **PENALTY FOR STATES FAILING TO REPORT AS REQUIRED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—For any fiscal year, a State shall not receive any amount that would otherwise be allocated to that State under section 505(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10156(a)), or any amount from any other law enforcement assistance program of the Department of Justice, unless the State has ensured, to the satisfaction of the Attorney General, that the State and each local law enforcement agency of the State is in substantial compliance with the requirements of this section.

(2) **REALLOCATION.**—Amounts not allocated by reason of this subsection shall be reallocated to States not disqualified by failure to comply with this section.

(f) **REGULATIONS.**—The Attorney General shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

TITLE II—POLICING TRANSPARENCY THROUGH DATA

Subtitle A—National Police Misconduct Registry

SEC. 201. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL POLICE MISCONDUCT REGISTRY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall establish a National Police Misconduct Registry to be compiled and maintained by the Department of Justice.

(b) **CONTENTS OF REGISTRY.**—The Registry required to be established under subsection (a) shall contain the following data with respect to all Federal and local law enforcement officers:

- (1) Each complaint filed against a law enforcement officer, aggregated by—
 - (A) complaints that were found to be credible or that resulted in disciplinary action against the law enforcement officer, disaggregated by whether the complaint involved a use of force or racial profiling (as such term is defined in section 302);
 - (B) complaints that are pending review, disaggregated by whether the complaint involved a use of force or racial profiling; and

- (C) complaints for which the law enforcement officer was exonerated or that were determined to be unfounded or not sustained, disaggregated by whether the complaint involved a use of force or racial profiling.
- (2) Discipline records, disaggregated by whether the complaint involved a use of force or racial profiling.
- (3) Termination records, the reason for each termination, disaggregated by whether the complaint involved a use of force or racial profiling.
- (4) Records of certification in accordance with section 202.
- (5) Records of lawsuits against law enforcement officers and settlements of such lawsuits.
- (c) **FEDERAL AGENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 6 months thereafter, the head of each Federal law enforcement agency shall submit to the Attorney General the information described in subsection (b).
- (d) **STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—Beginning in the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is one year after the date of enactment of this Act and each fiscal year thereafter in which a State receives funds under the Byrne grant program, the State shall, once every 180 days, submit to the Attorney General the information described in subsection (b) for the State and each local law enforcement agency within the State.
- (e) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REGISTRY.**—
- (1) **IN GENERAL.**—In establishing the Registry required under subsection (a), the Attorney General shall make the Registry available to the public on an internet website of the Attorney General in a manner that allows members of the public to search for an individual law enforcement officer’s records of misconduct, as described in subsection (b), involving a use of force or racial profiling.
- (2) **PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.**—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to supersede the requirements or limitations under section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Privacy Act of 1974”).

SEC. 202. CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIRING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

- (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Beginning in the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, a State or unit of local government, other than an Indian Tribe, may not receive funds under the Byrne grant program for that fiscal year if, on the day before the first day of the fiscal year, the State or unit of local government has not—
- (1) submitted to the Attorney General evidence that the State or unit of local government has a certification and decertification program for purposes of employment as a law enforcement officer in that State or unit of local government that is consistent with the rules made under subsection (c); and
- (2) submitted to the National Police Misconduct Registry established under section 201 records demonstrating that all law enforcement officers of the State or unit of local government have completed all State certification requirements during the 1-year period preceding the fiscal year.
- (b) **AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**—The Attorney General shall make available to law enforcement agencies all information in the registry under section 201 for purposes of compliance with the certification and decertification programs described in subsection (a)(1) and considering applications for employment.
- (c) **RULES.**—The Attorney General shall make rules to carry out this section and section 201, including uniform reporting standards.

Subtitle B—PRIDE Act

SEC. 221. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Police Reporting Information, Data, and Evidence Act of 2020” or the “PRIDE Act of 2020”.

SEC. 222. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

- (1) **LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.**—The term “local educational agency” has the meaning given the term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).
- (2) **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.**—The term “local law enforcement officer” has the meaning given the term in section 2, and includes a school resource officer.

(3) SCHOOL.—The term “school” means an elementary school or secondary school (as those terms are defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)).

(4) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—The term “school resource officer” means a sworn law enforcement officer who is—

- (A) assigned by the employing law enforcement agency to a local educational agency or school;
- (B) contracting with a local educational agency or school; or
- (C) employed by a local educational agency or school.

SEC. 223. USE OF FORCE REPORTING.

(a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning in the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is one year after the date of enactment of this Act and each fiscal year thereafter in which a State or Indian Tribe receives funds under a Byrne grant program, the State or Indian Tribe shall—

(A) report to the Attorney General, on a quarterly basis and pursuant to guidelines established by the Attorney General, information regarding—

(i) any incident involving the use of deadly force against a civilian by—

(I) a local law enforcement officer who is employed by the State or by a unit of local government in the State; or

(II) a tribal law enforcement officer who is employed by the Indian Tribe;

(ii) any incident involving the shooting of a local law enforcement officer or tribal law enforcement officer described in clause (i) by a civilian;

(iii) any incident involving the death or arrest of a local law enforcement officer or tribal law enforcement officer;

(iv) any incident during which use of force by or against a local law enforcement officer or tribal law enforcement officer described in clause (i) occurs, which is not reported under clause (i), (ii), or (iii);

(v) deaths in custody; and

(vi) uses of force in arrests and booking;

(B) establish a system and a set of policies to ensure that all use of force incidents are reported by local law enforcement officers or tribal law enforcement officers; and

(C) submit to the Attorney General a plan for the collection of data required to be reported under this section, including any modifications to a previously submitted data collection plan.

(2) REPORT INFORMATION REQUIRED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The report required under paragraph (1)(A) shall contain information that includes, at a minimum—

(i) the national origin, sex, race, ethnicity, age, disability, English language proficiency, and housing status of each civilian against whom a local law enforcement officer or tribal law enforcement officer used force;

(ii) the date, time, and location, including whether it was on school grounds, and the zip code, of the incident and whether the jurisdiction in which the incident occurred allows for the open-carry or concealed-carry of a firearm;

(iii) whether the civilian was armed, and, if so, the type of weapon the civilian had;

(iv) the type of force used against the officer, the civilian, or both, including the types of weapons used;

(v) the reason force was used;

(vi) a description of any injuries sustained as a result of the incident;

(vii) the number of officers involved in the incident;

(viii) the number of civilians involved in the incident; and

(ix) a brief description regarding the circumstances surrounding the incident, which shall include information on—

(I) the type of force used by all involved persons;

(II) the legitimate police objective necessitating the use of force;

(III) the resistance encountered by each local law enforcement officer or tribal law enforcement officer involved in the incident;

(IV) the efforts by local law enforcement officers or tribal law enforcement officers to—

(aa) de-escalate the situation in order to avoid the use of force; or

(bb) minimize the level of force used; and
 (V) if applicable, the reason why efforts described in subclause (IV) were not attempted.

(B) INCIDENTS REPORTED UNDER DEATH IN CUSTODY REPORTING ACT.—A State or Indian Tribe is not required to include in a report under subsection (a)(1) an incident reported by the State or Indian Tribe in accordance with section 20104(a)(2) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12104(a)(2)).

(C) RETENTION OF DATA.—Each law enforcement agency required to report data under this section shall maintain records relating to any matter so reportable for not less than 4 years after those records are created.

(3) AUDIT OF USE-OF-FORCE REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, each State or Indian Tribe described in paragraph (1) shall—

(A) conduct an audit of the use of force incident reporting system required to be established under paragraph (1)(B); and

(B) submit a report to the Attorney General on the audit conducted under subparagraph (A).

(4) COMPLIANCE PROCEDURE.—Prior to submitting a report under paragraph (1)(A), the State or Indian Tribe submitting such report shall compare the information compiled to be reported pursuant to clause (i) of paragraph (1)(A) to publicly available sources, and shall revise such report to include any incident determined to be missing from the report based on such comparison. Failure to comply with the procedures described in the previous sentence shall be considered a failure to comply with the requirements of this section.

(b) INELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For any fiscal year in which a State or Indian Tribe fails to comply with this section, the State or Indian Tribe, at the discretion of the Attorney General, shall be subject to not more than a 10-percent reduction of the funds that would otherwise be allocated for that fiscal year to the State or Indian Tribe under a Byrne grant program.

(2) REALLOCATION.—Amounts not allocated under a Byrne grant program in accordance with paragraph (1) to a State for failure to comply with this section shall be reallocated under the Byrne grant program to States that have not failed to comply with this section.

(3) INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.—The State or Indian Tribe shall ensure that all schools and local educational agencies within the jurisdiction of the State or Indian Tribe provide the State or Indian Tribe with the information needed regarding school resource officers to comply with this section.

(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall publish, and make available to the public, a report containing the data reported to the Attorney General under this section.

(2) PRIVACY PROTECTIONS.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to supersede the requirements or limitations under section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Privacy Act of 1974”).

(d) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in coordination with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall issue guidance on best practices relating to establishing standard data collection systems that capture the information required to be reported under subsection (a)(2), which shall include standard and consistent definitions for terms.

SEC. 224. USE OF FORCE DATA REPORTING.

(a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General may make grants to eligible law enforcement agencies to be used for the activities described in subsection (c).

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible to receive a grant under this section a law enforcement agency shall—

(1) be a tribal law enforcement agency or be located in a State that receives funds under a Byrne grant program;

(2) employ not more than 100 local or tribal law enforcement officers;

(3) demonstrate that the use of force policy for local law enforcement officers or tribal law enforcement officers employed by the law enforcement agency is publicly available; and

(4) establish and maintain a complaint system that—

(A) may be used by members of the public to report incidents of use of force to the law enforcement agency;

(B) makes all information collected publicly searchable and available; and
(C) provides information on the status of an investigation related to a use of force complaint.

(c) **ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.**—A grant made under this section may be used by a law enforcement agency for—

(1) the cost of assisting the State or Indian Tribe in which the law enforcement agency is located in complying with the reporting requirements described in section 223;

(2) the cost of establishing necessary systems required to investigate and report incidents as required under subsection (b)(4);

(3) public awareness campaigns designed to gain information from the public on use of force by or against local and tribal law enforcement officers, including shootings, which may include tip lines, hotlines, and public service announcements; and

(4) use of force training for law enforcement agencies and personnel, including training on de-escalation, implicit bias, crisis intervention techniques, and adolescent development.

SEC. 225. COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall conduct an audit and review of the information provided under this subtitle to determine whether each State or Indian Tribe described in section 223(a)(1) is in compliance with the requirements of this subtitle.

(b) **CONSISTENCY IN DATA REPORTING.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any data reported under this subtitle shall be collected and reported—

(A) in a manner consistent with existing programs of the Department of Justice that collect data on local law enforcement officer encounters with civilians; and

(B) in a manner consistent with civil rights laws for distribution of information to the public.

(2) **GUIDELINES.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall—

(A) issue guidelines on the reporting requirement under section 223; and

(B) seek public comment before finalizing the guidelines required under subparagraph (A).

SEC. 226. FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTING.

The head of each Federal law enforcement agency shall submit to the Attorney General, on a quarterly basis and pursuant to guidelines established by the Attorney General, the information required to be reported by a State or Indian Tribe under section 223.

SEC. 227. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General such sums as are necessary to carry out this subtitle.

TITLE III—IMPROVING POLICE TRAINING AND POLICIES

Subtitle A—End Racial and Religious Profiling Act

SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “End Racial and Religious Profiling Act of 2020” or “ERRPA”.

SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle:

(1) **COVERED PROGRAM.**—The term “covered program” means any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds made available under—

(A) a Byrne grant program; and

(B) the COPS grant program, except that no program, project, or other activity specified in section 1701(b)(13) of part Q of title I of the Omnibus

Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381 et seq.) shall be a covered program under this paragraph.

(2) **GOVERNMENTAL BODY.**—The term “governmental body” means any department, agency, special purpose district, or other instrumentality of Federal, State, local, or Indian Tribal government.

(3) **HIT RATE.**—The term “hit rate” means the percentage of stops and searches in which a law enforcement agent finds drugs, a gun, or something else that leads to an arrest. The hit rate is calculated by dividing the total number of searches by the number of searches that yield contraband. The hit rate is complementary to the rate of false stops.

(4) **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**—The term “law enforcement agency” means any Federal, State, or local public agency engaged in the prevention, detection, or investigation of violations of criminal, immigration, or customs laws.

(5) **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENT.**—The term “law enforcement agent” means any Federal, State, or local official responsible for enforcing criminal, immigration, or customs laws, including police officers and other agents of a law enforcement agency.

(6) **RACIAL PROFILING.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “racial profiling” means the practice of a law enforcement agent or agency relying, to any degree, on actual or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation in selecting which individual to subject to routine or spontaneous investigatory activities or in deciding upon the scope and substance of law enforcement activity following the initial investigatory procedure, except when there is trustworthy information, relevant to the locality and timeframe, that links a person with a particular characteristic described in this paragraph to an identified criminal incident or scheme.

(B) **EXCEPTION.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A), a tribal law enforcement officer exercising law enforcement authority within Indian country, as that term is defined in section 1151 of title 18, United States Code, is not considered to be racial profiling with respect to making key jurisdictional determinations that are necessarily tied to reliance on actual or perceived race, ethnicity, or tribal affiliation.

(7) **ROUTINE OR SPONTANEOUS INVESTIGATORY ACTIVITIES.**—The term “routine or spontaneous investigatory activities” means the following activities by a law enforcement agent:

- (A) Interviews.
- (B) Traffic stops.
- (C) Pedestrian stops.
- (D) Frisks and other types of body searches.
- (E) Consensual or nonconsensual searches of the persons, property, or possessions (including vehicles) of individuals using any form of public or private transportation, including motorists and pedestrians.
- (F) Data collection and analysis, assessments, and predicated investigations.
- (G) Inspections and interviews of entrants into the United States that are more extensive than those customarily carried out.
- (H) Immigration-related workplace investigations.
- (I) Such other types of law enforcement encounters compiled for or by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics.

(8) **REASONABLE REQUEST.**—The term “reasonable request” means all requests for information, except for those that—

- (A) are immaterial to the investigation;
- (B) would result in the unnecessary disclosure of personal information; or
- (C) would place a severe burden on the resources of the law enforcement agency given its size.

PART I—PROHIBITION OF RACIAL PROFILING

SEC. 311. PROHIBITION.

No law enforcement agent or law enforcement agency shall engage in racial profiling.

SEC. 312. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) **REMEDY.**—The United States, or an individual injured by racial profiling, may enforce this part in a civil action for declaratory or injunctive relief, filed either in a State court of general jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States.

(b) **PARTIES.**—In any action brought under this part, relief may be obtained against—

- (1) any governmental body that employed any law enforcement agent who engaged in racial profiling;
- (2) any agent of such body who engaged in racial profiling; and
- (3) any person with supervisory authority over such agent.

(c) **NATURE OF PROOF.**—Proof that the routine or spontaneous investigatory activities of law enforcement agents in a jurisdiction have had a disparate impact on individuals with a particular characteristic described in section 302(6) shall constitute prima facie evidence of a violation of this part.

(d) **ATTORNEY'S FEES.**—In any action or proceeding to enforce this part against any governmental body, the court may allow a prevailing plaintiff, other than the United States, reasonable attorney's fees as part of the costs, and may include expert fees as part of the attorney's fee. The term "prevailing plaintiff" means a plaintiff that substantially prevails pursuant to a judicial or administrative judgment or order, or an enforceable written agreement.

PART II—PROGRAMS TO ELIMINATE RACIAL PROFILING BY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

SEC. 321. POLICIES TO ELIMINATE RACIAL PROFILING.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Federal law enforcement agencies shall—

- (1) maintain adequate policies and procedures designed to eliminate racial profiling; and
- (2) cease existing practices that permit racial profiling.

(b) **POLICIES.**—The policies and procedures described in subsection (a)(1) shall include—

- (1) a prohibition on racial profiling;
- (2) training on racial profiling issues as part of Federal law enforcement training;
- (3) the collection of data in accordance with the regulations issued by the Attorney General under section 341;
- (4) procedures for receiving, investigating, and responding meaningfully to complaints alleging racial profiling by law enforcement agents; and
- (5) any other policies and procedures the Attorney General determines to be necessary to eliminate racial profiling by Federal law enforcement agencies.

PART III—PROGRAMS TO ELIMINATE RACIAL PROFILING BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

SEC. 331. POLICIES REQUIRED FOR GRANTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—An application by a State or a unit of local government for funding under a covered program shall include a certification that such State, unit of local government, and any law enforcement agency to which it will distribute funds—

- (1) maintains adequate policies and procedures designed to eliminate racial profiling; and
- (2) has eliminated any existing practices that permit or encourage racial profiling.

(b) **POLICIES.**—The policies and procedures described in subsection (a)(1) shall include—

- (1) a prohibition on racial profiling;
- (2) training on racial profiling issues as part of law enforcement training;
- (3) the collection of data in accordance with the regulations issued by the Attorney General under section 341; and
- (4) participation in an administrative complaint procedure or independent audit program that meets the requirements of section 332.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall take effect 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 332. INVOLVEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(a) **REGULATIONS.**—

- (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act and in consultation with stakeholders, including Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and community, professional, research, and civil rights organizations, the Attorney General shall issue regulations for the oper-

ation of administrative complaint procedures and independent audit programs to ensure that such procedures and programs provide an appropriate response to allegations of racial profiling by law enforcement agents or agencies.

(2) **GUIDELINES.**—The regulations issued under paragraph (1) shall contain guidelines that ensure the fairness, effectiveness, and independence of the administrative complaint procedures and independent auditor programs.

(b) **NONCOMPLIANCE.**—If the Attorney General determines that the recipient of a grant from any covered program is not in compliance with the requirements of section 331 or the regulations issued under subsection (a), the Attorney General shall withhold, in whole or in part (at the discretion of the Attorney General), funds for one or more grants to the recipient under the covered program, until the recipient establishes compliance.

(c) **PRIVATE PARTIES.**—The Attorney General shall provide notice and an opportunity for private parties to present evidence to the Attorney General that a recipient of a grant from any covered program is not in compliance with the requirements of this part.

SEC. 333. DATA COLLECTION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

(a) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR DATA COLLECTION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Attorney General may, through competitive grants or contracts, carry out a 2-year demonstration project for the purpose of developing and implementing data collection programs on the hit rates for stops and searches by law enforcement agencies. The data collected shall be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, and religion.

(2) **NUMBER OF GRANTS.**—The Attorney General shall provide not more than 5 grants or contracts under this section.

(3) **ELIGIBLE GRANTEEES.**—Grants or contracts under this section shall be awarded to law enforcement agencies that serve communities where there is a significant concentration of racial or ethnic minorities and that are not already collecting data voluntarily.

(b) **REQUIRED ACTIVITIES.**—Activities carried out with a grant under this section shall include—

(1) developing a data collection tool and reporting the compiled data to the Attorney General; and

(2) training of law enforcement personnel on data collection, particularly for data collection on hit rates for stops and searches.

(c) **EVALUATION.**—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall enter into a contract with an institution of higher education (as defined in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001)) to analyze the data collected by each of the grantees funded under this section.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out activities under this section—

(1) \$5,000,000, over a 2-year period, to carry out the demonstration program under subsection (a); and

(2) \$500,000 to carry out the evaluation under subsection (c).

SEC. 334. DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICES.

(a) **USE OF FUNDS REQUIREMENT.**—Section 502(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10153(a)), as amended by sections 113 and 114, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) An assurance that, for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 10 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to develop and implement best practice devices and systems to eliminate racial profiling in accordance with section 334 of the End Racial and Religious Profiling Act of 2020.”.

(b) **DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICES.**—Grant amounts described in paragraph (9) of section 502(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10153(a)), as added by subsection (a) of this section, shall be for programs that include the following:

(1) The development and implementation of training to prevent racial profiling and to encourage more respectful interaction with the public.

(2) The acquisition and use of technology to facilitate the accurate collection and analysis of data.

(3) The development and acquisition of feedback systems and technologies that identify law enforcement agents or units of agents engaged in, or at risk of engaging in, racial profiling or other misconduct.

(4) The establishment and maintenance of an administrative complaint procedure or independent auditor program.

SEC. 335. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attorney General such sums as are necessary to carry out this part.

PART IV—DATA COLLECTION**SEC. 341. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ISSUE REGULATIONS.**

(a) **REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation with stakeholders, including Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and community, professional, research, and civil rights organizations, shall issue regulations for the collection and compilation of data under sections 321 and 331.

(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The regulations issued under subsection (a) shall—

(1) provide for the collection of data on all routine and spontaneous investigatory activities;

(2) provide that the data collected shall—

(A) be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, and religion;

(B) include the date, time, and location of such investigatory activities;

(C) include detail sufficient to permit an analysis of whether a law enforcement agency is engaging in racial profiling; and

(D) not include personally identifiable information;

(3) provide that a standardized form shall be made available to law enforcement agencies for the submission of collected data to the Department of Justice;

(4) provide that law enforcement agencies shall compile data on the standardized form made available under paragraph (3), and submit the form to the Civil Rights Division and the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics;

(5) provide that law enforcement agencies shall maintain all data collected under this subtitle for not less than 4 years;

(6) include guidelines for setting comparative benchmarks, consistent with best practices, against which collected data shall be measured;

(7) provide that the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics shall—

(A) analyze the data for any statistically significant disparities, including—

(i) disparities in the percentage of drivers or pedestrians stopped relative to the proportion of the population passing through the neighborhood;

(ii) disparities in the hit rate; and

(iii) disparities in the frequency of searches performed on racial or ethnic minority drivers and the frequency of searches performed on nonminority drivers; and

(B) not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter—

(i) prepare a report regarding the findings of the analysis conducted under subparagraph (A);

(ii) provide such report to Congress; and

(iii) make such report available to the public, including on a website of the Department of Justice, and in accordance with accessibility standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.); and

(8) protect the privacy of individuals whose data is collected by—

(A) limiting the use of the data collected under this subtitle to the purposes set forth in this subtitle;

(B) except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, limiting access to the data collected under this subtitle to those Federal, State, or local employees or agents who require such access in order to fulfill the purposes for the data set forth in this subtitle;

(C) requiring contractors or other nongovernmental agents who are permitted access to the data collected under this subtitle to sign use agreements incorporating the use and disclosure restrictions set forth in subparagraph (A); and

(D) requiring the maintenance of adequate security measures to prevent unauthorized access to the data collected under this subtitle.

SEC. 342. PUBLICATION OF DATA.

The Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the Department of Justice shall provide to Congress and make available to the public, together with each annual

report described in section 341, the data collected pursuant to this subtitle, excluding any personally identifiable information described in section 343.

SEC. 343. LIMITATIONS ON PUBLICATION OF DATA.

The name or identifying information of a law enforcement agent, complainant, or any other individual involved in any activity for which data is collected and compiled under this subtitle shall not be—

- (1) released to the public;
- (2) disclosed to any person, except for—
 - (A) such disclosures as are necessary to comply with this subtitle;
 - (B) disclosures of information regarding a particular person to that person; or
 - (C) disclosures pursuant to litigation; or
- (3) subject to disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the Freedom of Information Act), except for disclosures of information regarding a particular person to that person.

PART V—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGULATIONS AND REPORTS ON RACIAL PROFILING IN THE UNITED STATES

SEC. 351. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ISSUE REGULATIONS AND REPORTS.

(a) **REGULATIONS.**—In addition to the regulations required under sections 333 and 341, the Attorney General shall issue such other regulations as the Attorney General determines are necessary to implement this subtitle.

(b) **REPORTS.**—

- (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report on racial profiling by law enforcement agencies.
- (2) **SCOPE.**—Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include—
 - (A) a summary of data collected under sections 321(b)(3) and 331(b)(3) and from any other reliable source of information regarding racial profiling in the United States;
 - (B) a discussion of the findings in the most recent report prepared by the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics under section 341(b)(7);
 - (C) the status of the adoption and implementation of policies and procedures by Federal law enforcement agencies under section 321 and by the State and local law enforcement agencies under sections 331 and 332; and
 - (D) a description of any other policies and procedures that the Attorney General believes would facilitate the elimination of racial profiling.

Subtitle B—Additional Reforms

SEC. 361. TRAINING ON RACIAL BIAS AND DUTY TO INTERVENE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Attorney General shall establish—

- (1) a training program for law enforcement officers to cover racial profiling, implicit bias, and procedural justice; and
- (2) a clear duty for Federal law enforcement officers to intervene in cases where another law enforcement officer is using excessive force against a civilian, and establish a training program that covers the duty to intervene.

(b) **MANDATORY TRAINING FOR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**—The head of each Federal law enforcement agency shall require each Federal law enforcement officer employed by the agency to complete the training programs established under subsection (a).

(c) **LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.**—Beginning in the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is one year after the date of enactment of this Act, a State or unit of local government may not receive funds under the Byrne grant program for a fiscal year if, on the day before the first day of the fiscal year, the State or unit of local government does not require each law enforcement officer in the State or unit of local government to complete the training programs established under subsection (a).

(d) **GRANTS TO TRAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON USE OF FORCE.**—Section 501(a)(1) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10152(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(I) Training programs for law enforcement officers, including training programs on use of force and a duty to intervene.”.

SEC. 362. BAN ON NO-KNOCK WARRANTS IN DRUG CASES.

(a) **BAN ON FEDERAL WARRANTS IN DRUG CASES.**—Section 509 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 879) is amended by adding at the end the following: “A search warrant authorized under this section shall require that a law enforcement officer execute the search warrant only after providing notice of his or her authority and purpose.”

(b) **LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.**—Beginning in the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is one year after the date of enactment of this Act, a State or unit of local government may not receive funds under the COPS grant program for a fiscal year if, on the day before the first day of the fiscal year, the State or unit of local government does not have in effect a law that prohibits the issuance of a no-knock warrant in a drug case.

(c) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “no-knock warrant” means a warrant that allows a law enforcement officer to enter a property without requiring the law enforcement officer to announce the presence of the law enforcement officer or the intention of the law enforcement officer to enter the property.

SEC. 363. INCENTIVIZING BANNING OF CHOKEHOLDS AND CAROTID HOLDS.

(a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “chokehold or carotid hold” means the application of any pressure to the throat or windpipe, the use of maneuvers that restrict blood or oxygen flow to the brain, or carotid artery restraints that prevent or hinder breathing or reduce intake of air of an individual.

(b) **LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.**—Beginning in the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is one year after the date of enactment of this Act, a State or unit of local government may not receive funds under the Byrne grant program or the COPS grant program for a fiscal year if, on the day before the first day of the fiscal year, the State or unit of local government does not have in effect a law that prohibits law enforcement officers in the State or unit of local government from using a chokehold or carotid hold.

(c) **CHOKEHOLDS AS CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**—

(1) **SHORT TITLE.**—This subsection may be cited as the “Eric Garner Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act”.

(2) **CHOKEHOLDS AS CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.**—Section 242 of title 18, United States Code, as amended by section 101, is amended by adding at the end the following: “For the purposes of this section, the application of any pressure to the throat or windpipe, use of maneuvers that restrict blood or oxygen flow to the brain, or carotid artery restraints which prevent or hinder breathing or reduce intake of air is a punishment, pain, or penalty.”

SEC. 364. PEACE ACT.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Police Exercising Absolute Care With Everyone Act of 2020” or the “PEACE Act of 2020”.

(b) **USE OF FORCE BY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.**—

(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

(A) **DEESCALATION TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES.**—The term “deescalation tactics and techniques” means proactive actions and approaches used by a Federal law enforcement officer to stabilize the situation so that more time, options, and resources are available to gain a person’s voluntary compliance and reduce or eliminate the need to use force, including verbal persuasion, warnings, tactical techniques, slowing down the pace of an incident, waiting out a subject, creating distance between the officer and the threat, and requesting additional resources to resolve the incident.

(B) **NECESSARY.**—The term “necessary” means that another reasonable Federal law enforcement officer would objectively conclude, under the totality of the circumstances, that there was no reasonable alternative to the use of force.

(C) **REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “reasonable alternatives” means tactics and methods used by a Federal law enforcement officer to effectuate an arrest that do not unreasonably increase the risk posed to the law enforcement officer or another person, including verbal communication, distance, warnings, deescalation tactics and techniques, tactical repositioning, and other tactics and techniques intended to stabilize the situation and reduce the immediacy of the risk so that more time, options, and resources can be called upon to resolve the situation without the use of force.

(ii) **DEADLY FORCE.**—With respect to the use of deadly force, the term “reasonable alternatives” includes the use of less lethal force.

(D) **TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.**—The term “totality of the circumstances” means all credible facts known to the Federal law enforcement

officer leading up to and at the time of the use of force, including the actions of the person against whom the Federal law enforcement officer uses such force and the actions of the Federal law enforcement officer.

(2) PROHIBITION ON LESS LETHAL FORCE.—A Federal law enforcement officer may not use any less lethal force unless—

(A) the form of less lethal force used is necessary and proportional in order to effectuate an arrest of a person who the officer has probable cause to believe has committed a criminal offense; and

(B) reasonable alternatives to the use of the form of less lethal force have been exhausted.

(3) PROHIBITION ON DEADLY USE OF FORCE.—A Federal law enforcement officer may not use deadly force against a person unless—

(A) the form of deadly force used is necessary, as a last resort, to prevent imminent and serious bodily injury or death to the officer or another person;

(B) the use of the form of deadly force creates no substantial risk of injury to a third person; and

(C) reasonable alternatives to the use of the form of deadly force have been exhausted.

(4) REQUIREMENT TO GIVE VERBAL WARNING.—When feasible, prior to using force against a person, a Federal law enforcement officer shall identify himself or herself as a Federal law enforcement officer, and issue a verbal warning to the person that the Federal law enforcement officer seeks to apprehend, which shall—

(A) include a request that the person surrender to the law enforcement officer; and

(B) notify the person that the law enforcement officer will use force against the person if the person resists arrest or flees.

(5) GUIDANCE ON USE OF FORCE.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation with impacted persons, communities, and organizations, including representatives of civil and human rights organizations, victims of police use of force, and representatives of law enforcement associations, shall provide guidance to Federal law enforcement agencies on—

(A) the types of less lethal force and deadly force that are prohibited under paragraphs (2) and (3); and

(B) how a Federal law enforcement officer can—

(i) assess whether the use of force is appropriate and necessary; and

(ii) use the least amount of force when interacting with—

(I) pregnant individuals;

(II) children and youth under 21 years of age;

(III) elderly persons;

(IV) persons with mental, behavioral, or physical disabilities or impairments;

(V) persons experiencing perceptual or cognitive impairments due to use of alcohol, narcotics, hallucinogens, or other drugs;

(VI) persons suffering from a serious medical condition; and

(VII) persons with limited English proficiency.

(6) TRAINING.—The Attorney General shall provide training to Federal law enforcement officers on interacting people described in subclauses (I) through (VII) of paragraph (5)(B)(ii).

(7) LIMITATION ON JUSTIFICATION DEFENSE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 51 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1123. Limitation on justification defense for Federal law enforcement officers

“(a) IN GENERAL.—It is not a defense to an offense under section 1111 or 1112 that the use of less lethal force or deadly force by a Federal law enforcement officer was justified if—

“(1) that officer’s use of use of such force was inconsistent with section 364(b) of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020; or

“(2) that officer’s gross negligence, leading up to and at the time of the use of force, contributed to the necessity of the use of such force.

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the terms ‘deadly force’ and ‘less lethal force’ have the meanings given such terms in section 2 and section 364 of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020; and

“(2) the term ‘Federal law enforcement officer’ has the meaning given such term in section 115.”.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 51 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1122 the following:

“1123. Limitation on justification defense for Federal law enforcement officers.”.

(c) LIMITATION ON THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS UNDER THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.—

(1) LIMITATION.—A State or unit of local government, other than an Indian Tribe, may not receive funds that the State or unit of local government would otherwise receive under a Byrne grant program for a fiscal year if, on the day before the first day of the fiscal year, the State or unit of local government does not have in effect a law that is consistent with subsection (b) of this section and section 1123 of title 18, United States Code, as determined by the Attorney General.

(2) SUBSEQUENT ENACTMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If funds described in paragraph (1) are withheld from a State or unit of local government pursuant to paragraph (1) for 1 or more fiscal years, and the State or unit of local government enacts or puts in place a law described in paragraph (1), and demonstrates substantial efforts to enforce such law, subject to subparagraph (B), the State or unit of local government shall be eligible, in the fiscal year after the fiscal year during which the State or unit of local government demonstrates such substantial efforts, to receive the total amount that the State or unit of local government would have received during each fiscal year for which funds were withheld.

(B) LIMIT ON AMOUNT OF PRIOR YEAR FUNDS.—A State or unit of local government may not receive funds under subparagraph (A) in an amount that is more than the amount withheld from the State or unit of local government during the 5-fiscal-year period before the fiscal year during which funds are received under subparagraph (A).

(3) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation with impacted persons, communities, and organizations, including representatives of civil and human rights organizations, individuals against whom a law enforcement officer used force, and representatives of law enforcement associations, shall make guidance available to States and units of local government on the criteria that the Attorney General will use in determining whether the State or unit of local government has in place a law described in paragraph (1).

(4) APPLICATION.—This subsection shall apply to the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and each fiscal year thereafter.

SEC. 365. STOP MILITARIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Under section 2576a of title 10, United States Code, the Department of Defense is authorized to provide excess property to local law enforcement agencies. The Defense Logistics Agency, administers such section by operating the Law Enforcement Support Office program.

(2) New and used material, including mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles and weapons determined by the Department of Defense to be “military grade” are transferred to Federal, Tribal, State, and local law enforcement agencies through the program.

(3) As a result local law enforcement agencies, including police and sheriff’s departments, are acquiring this material for use in their normal operations.

(4) As a result of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, military equipment purchased for, and used in, those wars has become excess property and has been made available for transfer to local and Federal law enforcement agencies.

(5) In Fiscal Year 2017, \$504,000,000 worth of property was transferred to law enforcement agencies.

(6) More than \$6,800,000,000 worth of weapons and equipment have been transferred to police organizations in all 50 States and four territories through the program.

(7) In May 2012, the Defense Logistics Agency instituted a moratorium on weapons transfers through the program after reports of missing equipment and inappropriate weapons transfers.

(8) Though the moratorium was widely publicized, it was lifted in October 2013 without adequate safeguards.

(9) On January 16, 2015, President Barack Obama issued Executive Order 13688 to better coordinate and regulate the federal transfer of military weapons and equipment to State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies.

(10) In July, 2017, the Government Accountability Office reported that the program's internal controls were inadequate to prevent fraudulent applicants' access to the program.

(11) On August, 28, 2017, President Donald Trump rescinded Executive Order 13688 despite a July 2017 Government Accountability Office report finding deficiencies with the administration of the 1033 program.

(12) As a result, Federal, State, and local law enforcement departments across the country are eligible again to acquire free "military-grade" weapons and equipment that could be used inappropriately during policing efforts in which people and taxpayers could be harmed.

(13) The Department of Defense categorizes equipment eligible for transfer under the 1033 program as "controlled" and "un-controlled" equipment. "Controlled equipment" includes weapons, explosives such as flash-bang grenades, mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles, long-range acoustic devices, aircraft capable of being modified to carry armament that are combat coded, and silencers, among other military grade items.

(b) LIMITATION ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TRANSFER OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2576a of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

- (i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking "counterdrug, counterterrorism, and border security activities" and inserting "counterterrorism"; and
- (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking "the Director of National Drug Control Policy,";

(B) in subsection (b)—

- (i) in paragraph (5), by striking "and" at the end;
- (ii) in paragraph (6), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and
- (iii) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

"(7) the recipient submits to the Department of Defense a description of how the recipient expects to use the property;

"(8) the recipient certifies to the Department of Defense that if the recipient determines that the property is surplus to the needs of the recipient, the recipient will return the property to the Department of Defense;

"(9) with respect to a recipient that is not a Federal agency, the recipient certifies to the Department of Defense that the recipient notified the local community of the request for personal property under this section by—

"(A) publishing a notice of such request on a publicly accessible Internet website;

"(B) posting such notice at several prominent locations in the jurisdiction of the recipient; and

"(C) ensuring that such notices were available to the local community for a period of not less than 30 days; and

"(10) the recipient has received the approval of the city council or other local governing body to acquire the personal property sought under this section.";

(C) by striking subsection (d);

(D) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (o) and (p), respectively; and

(E) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsections:

"(d) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION ACCOUNTING FOR TRANSFERRED PROPERTY.—(1) For each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress certification in writing that each Federal or State agency to which the Secretary has transferred property under this section—

"(A) has provided to the Secretary documentation accounting for all controlled property, including arms and ammunition, that the Secretary has transferred to the agency, including any item described in subsection (f) so transferred before the date of the enactment of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020; and

"(B) with respect to a non-Federal agency, carried out each of paragraphs (5) through (8) of subsection (b).

"(2) If the Secretary does not provide a certification under paragraph (1) for a Federal or State agency, the Secretary may not transfer additional property to that agency under this section.

"(e) ANNUAL REPORT ON EXCESS PROPERTY.—Before making any property available for transfer under this section, the Secretary shall annually submit to Congress

a description of the property to be transferred together with a certification that the transfer of the property would not violate this section or any other provision of law.

“(f) LIMITATIONS ON TRANSFERS.—(1) The Secretary may not transfer to Federal, Tribal, State, or local law enforcement agencies the following under this section:

“(A) Controlled firearms, ammunition, bayonets, grenade launchers, grenades (including stun and flash-bang), and explosives.

“(B) Controlled vehicles, highly mobile multi-wheeled vehicles, mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles, trucks, truck dump, truck utility, and truck carryall.

“(C) Drones that are armored, weaponized, or both.

“(D) Controlled aircraft that—

“(i) are combat configured or combat coded; or

“(ii) have no established commercial flight application.

“(E) Silencers.

“(F) Long-range acoustic devices.

“(G) Items in the Federal Supply Class of banned items.

“(2) The Secretary may not require, as a condition of a transfer under this section, that a Federal or State agency demonstrate the use of any small arms or ammunition.

“(3) The limitations under this subsection shall also apply with respect to the transfer of previously transferred property of the Department of Defense from one Federal or State agency to another such agency.

“(4)(A) The Secretary may waive the applicability of paragraph (1) to a vehicle described in subparagraph (B) of such paragraph (other than a mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle), if the Secretary determines that such a waiver is necessary for disaster or rescue purposes or for another purpose where life and public safety are at risk, as demonstrated by the proposed recipient of the vehicle.

“(B) If the Secretary issues a waiver under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—

“(i) submit to Congress notice of the waiver, and post such notice on a public Internet website of the Department, by not later than 30 days after the date on which the waiver is issued; and

“(ii) require, as a condition of the waiver, that the recipient of the vehicle for which the waiver is issued provides public notice of the waiver and the transfer, including the type of vehicle and the purpose for which it is transferred, in the jurisdiction where the recipient is located by not later than 30 days after the date on which the waiver is issued.

“(5) The Secretary may provide for an exemption to the limitation under subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) in the case of parts for aircraft described in such subparagraph that are transferred as part of regular maintenance of aircraft in an existing fleet.

“(6) The Secretary shall require, as a condition of any transfer of property under this section, that the Federal or State agency that receives the property shall return the property to the Secretary if the agency—

“(A) is investigated by the Department of Justice for any violation of civil liberties; or

“(B) is otherwise found to have engaged in widespread abuses of civil liberties.

“(g) CONDITIONS FOR EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year may not be obligated or expended to carry out this section unless the Secretary submits to Congress certification that for the preceding fiscal year that—

“(1) each Federal or State agency that has received controlled property transferred under this section has—

“(A) demonstrated 100 percent accountability for all such property, in accordance with paragraph (2) or (3), as applicable; or

“(B) been suspended from the program pursuant to paragraph (4);

“(2) with respect to each non-Federal agency that has received controlled property under this section, the State coordinator responsible for each such agency has verified that the coordinator or an agent of the coordinator has conducted an in-person inventory of the property transferred to the agency and that 100 percent of such property was accounted for during the inventory or that the agency has been suspended from the program pursuant to paragraph (4);

“(3) with respect to each Federal agency that has received controlled property under this section, the Secretary of Defense or an agent of the Secretary has conducted an in-person inventory of the property transferred to the agency and that 100 percent of such property was accounted for during the inventory or that the agency has been suspended from the program pursuant to paragraph (4);

“(4) the eligibility of any agency that has received controlled property under this section for which 100 percent of the property was not accounted for during an inventory described in paragraph (1) or (2), as applicable, to receive any property transferred under this section has been suspended; and

“(5) each State coordinator has certified, for each non-Federal agency located in the State for which the State coordinator is responsible that—

“(A) the agency has complied with all requirements under this section; or

“(B) the eligibility of the agency to receive property transferred under this section has been suspended; and

“(6) the Secretary of Defense has certified, for each Federal agency that has received property under this section that—

“(A) the agency has complied with all requirements under this section; or

“(B) the eligibility of the agency to receive property transferred under this section has been suspended.

“(h) PROHIBITION ON OWNERSHIP OF CONTROLLED PROPERTY.—A Federal or State agency that receives controlled property under this section may not take ownership of the property.

“(i) NOTICE TO CONGRESS OF PROPERTY DOWNGRADES.—Not later than 30 days before downgrading the classification of any item of personal property from controlled or Federal Supply Class, the Secretary shall submit to Congress notice of the proposed downgrade.

“(j) NOTICE TO CONGRESS OF PROPERTY CANNIBALIZATION.—Before the Defense Logistics Agency authorizes the recipient of property transferred under this section to cannibalize the property, the Secretary shall submit to Congress notice of such authorization, including the name of the recipient requesting the authorization, the purpose of the proposed cannibalization, and the type of property proposed to be cannibalized.

“(k) QUARTERLY REPORTS ON USE OF CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT.—Not later than 30 days after the last day of a fiscal quarter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on any uses of controlled property transferred under this section during that fiscal quarter.

“(l) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days after the last day of a fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the following for the preceding fiscal year:

“(1) The percentage of equipment lost by recipients of property transferred under this section, including specific information about the type of property lost, the monetary value of such property, and the recipient that lost the property.

“(2) The transfer of any new (condition code A) property transferred under this section, including specific information about the type of property, the recipient of the property, the monetary value of each item of the property, and the total monetary value of all such property transferred during the fiscal year.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to any transfer of property made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 366. PUBLIC SAFETY INNOVATION GRANTS.

(a) BYRNE GRANTS USED FOR LOCAL TASK FORCES ON PUBLIC SAFETY INNOVATION.—Section 501(a) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10151(a)), as amended by this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) LOCAL TASK FORCES ON PUBLIC SAFETY INNOVATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A law enforcement program under paragraph (1)(A) may include the development of best practices for and the creation of local task forces on public safety innovation, charged with exploring and developing new strategies for public safety, including non-law enforcement strategies.

“(B) DEFINITION.—The term ‘local task force on public safety innovation’ means an administrative entity, created from partnerships between community-based organizations and other local stakeholders, that may develop innovative law enforcement and non-law enforcement strategies to enhance just and equitable public safety, repair breaches of trust between law enforcement agencies and the community they pledge to serve, and enhance accountability of law enforcement officers.”.

(b) CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAMS.—Section 501(c) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10152(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) In the case of crisis intervention teams funded under subsection (a)(1)(H), a program assessment under this subsection shall contain a report on best practices for crisis intervention.”.

(c) USE OF COPS GRANT PROGRAM TO HIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.—Section 1701(b) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10381(b)), as amended by this Act, is further amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (23) and (24) as paragraphs (26) and (27), respectively;

(2) in paragraph (26), as so redesignated, by striking “(22)” and inserting “(25)”; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (22) the following:

“(23) to recruit, hire, incentivize, retain, develop, and train new, additional career law enforcement officers or current law enforcement officers who are willing to relocate to communities—

“(A) where there are poor or fragmented relationships between police and residents of the community, or where there are high incidents of crime; and

“(B) that are the communities that the law enforcement officers serve, or that are in close proximity to the communities that the law enforcement officers serve;

“(24) to collect data on the number of law enforcement officers who are willing to relocate to the communities where they serve, and whether such law enforcement officer relocations have impacted crime in such communities;

“(25) to develop and publicly report strategies and timelines to recruit, hire, promote, retain, develop, and train a diverse and inclusive law enforcement workforce, consistent with merit system principles and applicable law;”.

Subtitle C—Law Enforcement Body Cameras

PART 1—FEDERAL POLICE CAMERA AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SEC. 371. SHORT TITLE.

This part may be cited as the “Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act”.

SEC. 372. REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REGARDING THE USE OF BODY CAMERAS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MINOR.—The term “minor” means any individual under 18 years of age.

(2) SUBJECT OF THE VIDEO FOOTAGE.—The term “subject of the video footage”—

(A) means any identifiable Federal law enforcement officer or any identifiable suspect, victim, detainee, conversant, injured party, or other similarly situated person who appears on the body camera recording; and

(B) does not include people who only incidentally appear on the recording.

(3) VIDEO FOOTAGE.—The term “video footage” means any images or audio recorded by a body camera.

(b) REQUIREMENT TO WEAR BODY CAMERA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Federal law enforcement officers shall wear a body camera.

(2) REQUIREMENT FOR BODY CAMERA.—A body camera required under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) have a field of view at least as broad as the officer’s vision; and

(B) be worn in a manner that maximizes the camera’s ability to capture video footage of the officer’s activities.

(c) REQUIREMENT TO ACTIVATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Both the video and audio recording functions of the body camera shall be activated whenever a Federal law enforcement officer is responding to a call for service or at the initiation of any other law enforcement or investigative stop (as such term is defined in section 373) between a Federal law enforcement officer and a member of the public, except that when an immediate threat to the officer’s life or safety makes activating the camera impossible or dangerous, the officer shall activate the camera at the first reasonable opportunity to do so.

(2) ALLOWABLE DEACTIVATION.—The body camera shall not be deactivated until the stop has fully concluded and the Federal law enforcement officer leaves the scene.

(d) NOTIFICATION OF SUBJECT OF RECORDING.—A Federal law enforcement officer who is wearing a body camera shall notify any subject of the recording that he or she is being recorded by a body camera as close to the inception of the stop as is reasonably possible.

(e) REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding subsection (c), the following shall apply to the use of a body camera:

(1) Prior to entering a private residence without a warrant or in non-exigent circumstances, a Federal law enforcement officer shall ask the occupant if the occupant wants the officer to discontinue use of the officer's body camera. If the occupant responds affirmatively, the Federal law enforcement officer shall immediately discontinue use of the body camera.

(2) When interacting with an apparent crime victim, a Federal law enforcement officer shall, as soon as practicable, ask the apparent crime victim if the apparent crime victim wants the officer to discontinue use of the officer's body camera. If the apparent crime victim responds affirmatively, the Federal law enforcement officer shall immediately discontinue use of the body camera.

(3) When interacting with a person seeking to anonymously report a crime or assist in an ongoing law enforcement investigation, a Federal law enforcement officer shall, as soon as practicable, ask the person seeking to remain anonymous, if the person seeking to remain anonymous wants the officer to discontinue use of the officer's body camera. If the person seeking to remain anonymous responds affirmatively, the Federal law enforcement officer shall immediately discontinue use of the body camera.

(f) RECORDING OF OFFERS TO DISCONTINUE USE OF BODY CAMERA.—Each offer of a Federal law enforcement officer to discontinue the use of a body camera made pursuant to subsection (e), and the responses thereto, shall be recorded by the body camera prior to discontinuing use of the body camera.

(g) LIMITATIONS ON USE OF BODY CAMERA.—Body cameras shall not be used to gather intelligence information based on First Amendment protected speech, associations, or religion, or to record activity that is unrelated to a response to a call for service or a law enforcement or investigative stop between a law enforcement officer and a member of the public, and shall not be equipped with or employ any real time facial recognition technologies.

(h) EXCEPTIONS.—Federal law enforcement officers—

(1) shall not be required to use body cameras during investigative or enforcement stops with the public in the case that—

(A) recording would risk the safety of a confidential informant, citizen informant, or undercover officer;

(B) recording would pose a serious risk to national security; or

(C) the officer is a military police officer, a member of the United States Army Criminal Investigation Command, or a protective detail assigned to a Federal or foreign official while performing his or her duties; and

(2) shall not activate a body camera while on the grounds of any public, private or parochial elementary or secondary school, except when responding to an imminent threat to life or health.

(i) RETENTION OF FOOTAGE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Body camera video footage shall be retained by the law enforcement agency that employs the officer whose camera captured the footage, or an authorized agent thereof, for 6 months after the date it was recorded, after which time such footage shall be permanently deleted.

(2) RIGHT TO INSPECT.—During the 6-month retention period described in paragraph (1), the following persons shall have the right to inspect the body camera footage:

(A) Any person who is a subject of body camera video footage, and their designated legal counsel.

(B) A parent or legal guardian of a minor subject of body camera video footage, and their designated legal counsel.

(C) The spouse, next of kin, or legally authorized designee of a deceased subject of body camera video footage, and their designated legal counsel.

(D) A Federal law enforcement officer whose body camera recorded the video footage, and their designated legal counsel, subject to the limitations and restrictions in this part.

(E) The superior officer of a Federal law enforcement officer whose body camera recorded the video footage, subject to the limitations and restrictions in this part.

(F) Any defense counsel who claims, pursuant to a written affidavit, to have a reasonable basis for believing a video may contain evidence that exculpates a client.

(3) LIMITATION.—The right to inspect subject to subsection (j)(1) shall not include the right to possess a copy of the body camera video footage, unless the release of the body camera footage is otherwise authorized by this part or by another applicable law. When a body camera fails to capture some or all of the audio or video of an incident due to malfunction, displacement of camera, or any

other cause, any audio or video footage that is captured shall be treated the same as any other body camera audio or video footage under this part.

(j) **ADDITIONAL RETENTION REQUIREMENTS.**—Notwithstanding the retention and deletion requirements in subsection (i), the following shall apply to body camera video footage under this part:

(1) Body camera video footage shall be automatically retained for not less than 3 years if the video footage captures an interaction or event involving—

(A) any use of force; or
(B) an stop about which a complaint has been registered by a subject of the video footage.

(2) Body camera video footage shall be retained for not less than 3 years if a longer retention period is voluntarily requested by—

(A) the Federal law enforcement officer whose body camera recorded the video footage, if that officer reasonably asserts the video footage has evidentiary or exculpatory value in an ongoing investigation;

(B) any Federal law enforcement officer who is a subject of the video footage, if that officer reasonably asserts the video footage has evidentiary or exculpatory value;

(C) any superior officer of a Federal law enforcement officer whose body camera recorded the video footage or who is a subject of the video footage, if that superior officer reasonably asserts the video footage has evidentiary or exculpatory value;

(D) any Federal law enforcement officer, if the video footage is being retained solely and exclusively for police training purposes;

(E) any member of the public who is a subject of the video footage;

(F) any parent or legal guardian of a minor who is a subject of the video footage; or

(G) a deceased subject's spouse, next of kin, or legally authorized designee.

(k) **PUBLIC REVIEW.**—For purposes of subparagraphs (E), (F), and (G) of subsection (j)(2), any member of the public who is a subject of video footage, the parent or legal guardian of a minor who is a subject of the video footage, or a deceased subject's next of kin or legally authorized designee, shall be permitted to review the specific video footage in question in order to make a determination as to whether they will voluntarily request it be subjected to a minimum 3-year retention period.

(l) **DISCLOSURE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), all video footage of an interaction or event captured by a body camera, if that interaction or event is identified with reasonable specificity and requested by a member of the public, shall be provided to the person or entity making the request in accordance with the procedures for requesting and providing government records set forth in the section 552a of title 5, United States Code.

(2) **EXCEPTIONS.**—The following categories of video footage shall not be released to the public in the absence of express written permission from the non-law enforcement subjects of the video footage:

(A) Video footage not subject to a minimum 3-year retention period pursuant to subsection (j).

(B) Video footage that is subject to a minimum 3-year retention period solely and exclusively pursuant to paragraph (1)(B) or (2) of subsection (j).

(3) **PRIORITY OF REQUESTS.**—Notwithstanding any time periods established for acknowledging and responding to records requests in section 552a of title 5, United States Code, responses to requests for video footage that is subject to a minimum 3-year retention period pursuant to subsection (j)(1)(A), where a subject of the video footage is recorded being killed, shot by a firearm, or grievously injured, shall be prioritized and, if approved, the requested video footage shall be provided as expeditiously as possible, but in no circumstances later than 5 days following receipt of the request.

(4) **USE OF REDACTION TECHNOLOGY.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Whenever doing so is necessary to protect personal privacy, the right to a fair trial, the identity of a confidential source or crime victim, or the life or physical safety of any person appearing in video footage, redaction technology may be used to obscure the face and other personally identifying characteristics of that person, including the tone of the person's voice, provided the redaction does not interfere with a viewer's ability to fully, completely, and accurately comprehend the events captured on the video footage.

(B) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The following requirements shall apply to redactions under subparagraph (A):

(i) When redaction is performed on video footage pursuant to this paragraph, an unedited, original version of the video footage shall be retained pursuant to the requirements of subsections (i) and (j).

(ii) Except pursuant to the rules for the redaction of video footage set forth in this subsection or where it is otherwise expressly authorized by this Act, no other editing or alteration of video footage, including a reduction of the video footage's resolution, shall be permitted.

(m) PROHIBITED WITHHOLDING OF FOOTAGE.—Body camera video footage may not be withheld from the public on the basis that it is an investigatory record or was compiled for law enforcement purposes where any person under investigation or whose conduct is under review is a police officer or other law enforcement employee and the video footage relates to that person's conduct in their official capacity.

(n) ADMISSIBILITY.—Any video footage retained beyond 6 months solely and exclusively pursuant to subsection (j)(2)(D) shall not be admissible as evidence in any criminal or civil legal or administrative proceeding.

(o) CONFIDENTIALITY.—No government agency or official, or law enforcement agency, officer, or official may publicly disclose, release, or share body camera video footage unless—

(1) doing so is expressly authorized pursuant to this part or another applicable law; or

(2) the video footage is subject to public release pursuant to subsection (l), and not exempted from public release pursuant to subsection (l)(1).

(p) LIMITATION ON FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER VIEWING OF BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE.—No Federal law enforcement officer shall review or receive an accounting of any body camera video footage that is subject to a minimum 3-year retention period pursuant to subsection (j)(1) prior to completing any required initial reports, statements, and interviews regarding the recorded event, unless doing so is necessary, while in the field, to address an immediate threat to life or safety.

(q) ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.—Video footage may not be—

(1) in the case of footage that is not subject to a minimum 3-year retention period, viewed by any superior officer of a Federal law enforcement officer whose body camera recorded the footage absent a specific allegation of misconduct; or

(2) divulged or used by any law enforcement agency for any commercial or other non-law enforcement purpose.

(r) THIRD PARTY MAINTENANCE OF FOOTAGE.—Where a law enforcement agency authorizes a third party to act as its agent in maintaining body camera footage, the agent shall not be permitted to independently access, view, or alter any video footage, except to delete videos as required by law or agency retention policies.

(s) ENFORCEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If any Federal law enforcement officer, or any employee or agent of a Federal law enforcement agency fails to adhere to the recording or retention requirements contained in this part, intentionally interferes with a body camera's ability to accurately capture video footage, or otherwise manipulates the video footage captured by a body camera during or after its operation—

(A) appropriate disciplinary action shall be taken against the individual officer, employee, or agent;

(B) a rebuttable evidentiary presumption shall be adopted in favor of a criminal defendant who reasonably asserts that exculpatory evidence was destroyed or not captured; and

(C) a rebuttable evidentiary presumption shall be adopted on behalf of a civil plaintiff suing the Government, a Federal law enforcement agency, or a Federal law enforcement officer for damages based on misconduct who reasonably asserts that evidence supporting their claim was destroyed or not captured.

(2) PROOF COMPLIANCE WAS IMPOSSIBLE.—The disciplinary action requirement and rebuttable presumptions described in paragraph (1) may be overcome by contrary evidence or proof of exigent circumstances that made compliance impossible.

(t) USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATIONS.—In the case that a Federal law enforcement officer equipped with a body camera is involved in, a witness to, or within viewable sight range of either the use of force by another law enforcement officer that results in a death, the use of force by another law enforcement officer, during which the discharge of a firearm results in an injury, or the conduct of another law enforcement officer that becomes the subject of a criminal investigation—

(1) the law enforcement agency that employs the law enforcement officer, or the agency or department conducting the related criminal investigation, as appropriate, shall promptly take possession of the body camera, and shall main-

tain such camera, and any data on such camera, in accordance with the applicable rules governing the preservation of evidence;

(2) a copy of the data on such body camera shall be made in accordance with prevailing forensic standards for data collection and reproduction; and

(3) such copied data shall be made available to the public in accordance with subsection (1).

(u) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FOOTAGE AS EVIDENCE.**—Any body camera video footage recorded by a Federal law enforcement officer that violates this part or any other applicable law may not be offered as evidence by any government entity, agency, department, prosecutorial office, or any other subdivision thereof in any criminal or civil action or proceeding against any member of the public.

(v) **PUBLICATION OF AGENCY POLICIES.**—Any Federal law enforcement agency policy or other guidance regarding body cameras, their use, or the video footage therefrom that is adopted by a Federal agency or department, shall be made publicly available on that agency's website.

(w) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this part shall be construed to preempt any laws governing the maintenance, production, and destruction of evidence in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

SEC. 373. PATROL VEHICLES WITH IN-CAR VIDEO RECORDING CAMERAS.

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **AUDIO RECORDING.**—The term “audio recording” means the recorded conversation between a Federal law enforcement officer and a second party.

(2) **EMERGENCY LIGHTS.**—The term “emergency lights” means oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights on patrol vehicles.

(3) **ENFORCEMENT OR INVESTIGATIVE STOP.**—The term “enforcement or investigative stop” means an action by a Federal law enforcement officer in relation to enforcement and investigation duties, including traffic stops, pedestrian stops, abandoned vehicle contacts, motorist assists, commercial motor vehicle stops, roadside safety checks, requests for identification, or responses to requests for emergency assistance.

(4) **IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERA.**—The term “in-car video camera” means a video camera located in a patrol vehicle.

(5) **IN-CAR VIDEO CAMERA RECORDING EQUIPMENT.**—The term “in-car video camera recording equipment” means a video camera recording system located in a patrol vehicle consisting of a camera assembly, recording mechanism, and an in-car video recording medium.

(6) **RECORDING.**—The term “recording” means the process of capturing data or information stored on a recording medium as required under this section.

(7) **RECORDING MEDIUM.**—The term “recording medium” means any recording medium for the retention and playback of recorded audio and video including VHS, DVD, hard drive, solid state, digital, or flash memory technology.

(8) **WIRELESS MICROPHONE.**—The term “wireless microphone” means a device worn by a Federal law enforcement officer or any other equipment used to record conversations between the officer and a second party and transmitted to the recording equipment.

(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Each Federal law enforcement agency shall install in-car video camera recording equipment in all patrol vehicles with a recording medium capable of recording for a period of 10 hours or more and capable of making audio recordings with the assistance of a wireless microphone.

(2) **RECORDING EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.**—In-car video camera recording equipment with a recording medium capable of recording for a period of 10 hours or more shall record activities—

(A) whenever a patrol vehicle is assigned to patrol duty;

(B) outside a patrol vehicle whenever—

(i) a Federal law enforcement officer assigned that patrol vehicle is conducting an enforcement or investigative stop;

(ii) patrol vehicle emergency lights are activated or would otherwise be activated if not for the need to conceal the presence of law enforcement; or

(iii) an officer reasonably believes recording may assist with prosecution, enhance safety, or for any other lawful purpose; and

(C) inside the vehicle when transporting an arrestee or when an officer reasonably believes recording may assist with prosecution, enhance safety, or for any other lawful purpose.

(3) **REQUIREMENTS FOR RECORDING.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—A Federal law enforcement officer shall begin recording for an enforcement or investigative stop when the officer determines an en-

forcement stop is necessary and shall continue until the enforcement action has been completed and the subject of the enforcement or investigative stop or the officer has left the scene.

(B) **ACTIVATION WITH LIGHTS.**—A Federal law enforcement officer shall begin recording when patrol vehicle emergency lights are activated or when they would otherwise be activated if not for the need to conceal the presence of law enforcement, and shall continue until the reason for the activation ceases to exist, regardless of whether the emergency lights are no longer activated.

(C) **PERMISSIBLE RECORDING.**—A Federal law enforcement officer may begin recording if the officer reasonably believes recording may assist with prosecution, enhance safety, or for any other lawful purpose; and shall continue until the reason for recording ceases to exist.

(4) **ENFORCEMENT OR INVESTIGATIVE STOPS.**—A Federal law enforcement officer shall record any enforcement or investigative stop. Audio recording shall terminate upon release of the violator and prior to initiating a separate criminal investigation.

(c) **RETENTION OF RECORDINGS.**—Recordings made on in-car video camera recording medium shall be retained for a storage period of at least 90 days. Under no circumstances shall any recording made on in-car video camera recording medium be altered or erased prior to the expiration of the designated storage period. Upon completion of the storage period, the recording medium may be erased and reissued for operational use unless otherwise ordered or if designated for evidentiary or training purposes.

(d) **ACCESSIBILITY OF RECORDINGS.**—Audio or video recordings made pursuant to this section shall be available under the applicable provisions of section 552a of title 5, United States Code. Only recorded portions of the audio recording or video recording medium applicable to the request will be available for inspection or copying.

(e) **MAINTENANCE REQUIRED.**—The agency shall ensure proper care and maintenance of in-car video camera recording equipment and recording medium. An officer operating a patrol vehicle must immediately document and notify the appropriate person of any technical difficulties, failures, or problems with the in-car video camera recording equipment or recording medium. Upon receiving notice, every reasonable effort shall be made to correct and repair any of the in-car video camera recording equipment or recording medium and determine if it is in the public interest to permit the use of the patrol vehicle.

SEC. 374. FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY.

No camera or recording device authorized or required to be used under this part may be equipped with or employ real time facial recognition technology, and footage from such a camera or recording device may not be subjected to facial recognition technology.

SEC. 375. GAO STUDY.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on Federal law enforcement officer training, vehicle pursuits, use of force, and interaction with citizens, and submit a report on such study to—

- (1) the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and of the Senate;
- (2) the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives; and
- (3) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

SEC. 376. REGULATIONS.

Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall issue such final regulations as are necessary to carry out this part.

SEC. 377. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this part shall be construed to impose any requirement on a Federal law enforcement officer outside of the course of carrying out that officer's duty.

PART 2—POLICE CAMERA ACT

SEC. 381. SHORT TITLE.

This part may be cited as the “Police Creating Accountability by Making Effective Recording Available Act of 2020” or the “Police CAMERA Act of 2020”.

SEC. 382. LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY-WORN CAMERA REQUIREMENTS.

(a) **USE OF FUNDS REQUIREMENT.**—Section 502(a) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10153(a)), as amended by section 334, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(10) An assurance that, for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 5 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to develop policies and protocols in compliance with part OO.”.

(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“PART OO—LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY-WORN CAMERAS
AND RECORDED DATA**

“SEC. 3051. USE OF GRANT FUNDS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Grant amounts described in paragraph (10) of section 502(a) of this title—

“(1) shall be used—

“(A) to purchase or lease body-worn cameras for use by State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (as defined in section 2503);

“(B) for expenses related to the implementation of a body-worn camera program in order to deter excessive force, improve accountability and transparency of use of force by law enforcement officers, assist in responding to complaints against law enforcement officers, and improve evidence collection; and

“(C) to implement policies or procedures to comply with the requirements described in subsection (b); and

“(2) may not be used for expenses related to facial recognition technology.

“(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—A recipient of a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title shall—

“(1) establish policies and procedures in accordance with the requirements described in subsection (c) before law enforcement officers use of body-worn cameras;

“(2) adopt recorded data collection and retention protocols as described in subsection (d) before law enforcement officers use of body-worn cameras;

“(3) make the policies and protocols described in paragraphs (1) and (2) available to the public; and

“(4) comply with the requirements for use of recorded data under subsection (f).

“(c) **REQUIRED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**—A recipient of a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title shall—

“(1) develop with community input and publish for public view policies and protocols for—

“(A) the safe and effective use of body-worn cameras;

“(B) the secure storage, handling, and destruction of recorded data collected by body-worn cameras;

“(C) protecting the privacy rights of any individual who may be recorded by a body-worn camera;

“(D) the release of any recorded data collected by a body-worn camera in accordance with the open records laws, if any, of the State; and

“(E) making recorded data available to prosecutors, defense attorneys, and other officers of the court in accordance with subparagraph (E); and

“(2) conduct periodic evaluations of the security of the storage and handling of the body-worn camera data.

“(d) **RECORDED DATA COLLECTION AND RETENTION PROTOCOL.**—The recorded data collection and retention protocol described in this paragraph is a protocol that—

“(1) requires—

“(A) a law enforcement officer who is wearing a body-worn camera to provide an explanation if an activity that is required to be recorded by the body-worn camera is not recorded;

“(B) a law enforcement officer who is wearing a body-worn camera to obtain consent to be recorded from a crime victim or witness before interviewing the victim or witness;

“(C) the collection of recorded data unrelated to a legitimate law enforcement purpose be minimized to the greatest extent practicable;

“(D) the system used to store recorded data collected by body-worn cameras to log all viewing, modification, or deletion of stored recorded data and

to prevent, to the greatest extent practicable, the unauthorized access or disclosure of stored recorded data;

“(E) any law enforcement officer be prohibited from accessing the stored data without an authorized purpose; and

“(F) the law enforcement agency to collect and report statistical data on—

“(i) incidences of use of force, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and age of the victim;

“(ii) the number of complaints filed against law enforcement officers;

“(iii) the disposition of complaints filed against law enforcement officers;

“(iv) the number of times camera footage is used for evidence collection in investigations of crimes; and

“(v) any other additional statistical data that the Director determines should be collected and reported;

“(2) allows an individual to file a complaint with a law enforcement agency relating to the improper use of body-worn cameras; and

“(3) complies with any other requirements established by the Director.

“(e) REPORTING.—Statistical data required to be collected under subsection (d)(1)(D) shall be reported to the Director, who shall—

“(1) establish a standardized reporting system for statistical data collected under this program; and

“(2) establish a national database of statistical data recorded under this program.

“(f) USE OR TRANSFER OF RECORDED DATA.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Recorded data collected by an entity receiving a grant under a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title from a body-worn camera shall be used only in internal and external investigations of misconduct by a law enforcement agency or officer, if there is reasonable suspicion that a recording contains evidence of a crime, or for limited training purposes. The Director shall establish rules to ensure that the recorded data is used only for the purposes described in this paragraph.

“(2) PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), an entity receiving a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title may not transfer any recorded data collected by the entity from a body-worn camera to another law enforcement or intelligence agency.

“(3) EXCEPTIONS.—

“(A) CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.—An entity receiving a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title may transfer recorded data collected by the entity from a body-worn camera to another law enforcement agency or intelligence agency for use in a criminal investigation if the requesting law enforcement or intelligence agency has reasonable suspicion that the requested data contains evidence relating to the crime being investigated.

“(B) CIVIL RIGHTS CLAIMS.—An entity receiving a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title may transfer recorded data collected by the law enforcement agency from a body-worn camera to another law enforcement agency for use in an investigation of the violation of any right, privilege, or immunity secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

“(g) AUDIT AND ASSESSMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this part, the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management shall perform an assessment of the use of funds under this section and the policies and protocols of the grantees.

“(2) REPORTS.—Not later than September 1 of each year, beginning 2 years after the date of enactment of this part, each recipient of a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title shall submit to the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management a report that—

“(A) describes the progress of the body-worn camera program; and

“(B) contains recommendations on ways in which the Federal Government, States, and units of local government can further support the implementation of the program.

“(3) REVIEW.—The Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management shall evaluate the policies and protocols of the grantees and take such steps as the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management determines necessary to ensure compliance with the program.

“SEC. 3052. BODY-WORN CAMERA TRAINING TOOLKIT.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish and maintain a body-worn camera training toolkit for law enforcement agencies, academia, and other relevant entities

to provide training and technical assistance, including best practices for implementation, model policies and procedures, and research materials.

“(b) MECHANISM.—In establishing the toolkit required to under subsection (a), the Director may consolidate research, practices, templates, and tools that been developed by expert and law enforcement agencies across the country.

“SEC. 3053. STUDY.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Police CAMERA Act of 2020, the Director shall conduct a study on—

“(1) the efficacy of body-worn cameras in deterring excessive force by law enforcement officers;

“(2) the impact of body-worn cameras on the accountability and transparency of the use of force by law enforcement officers;

“(3) the impact of body-worn cameras on responses to and adjudications of complaints of excessive force;

“(4) the effect of the use of body-worn cameras on the safety of law enforcement officers on patrol;

“(5) the effect of the use of body-worn cameras on public safety;

“(6) the impact of body-worn cameras on evidence collection for criminal investigations;

“(7) issues relating to the secure storage and handling of recorded data from the body-worn cameras;

“(8) issues relating to the privacy of individuals and officers recorded on body-worn cameras;

“(9) issues relating to the constitutional rights of individuals on whom facial recognition technology is used;

“(10) issues relating to limitations on the use of facial recognition technology;

“(11) issues relating to the public’s access to body-worn camera footage;

“(12) the need for proper training of law enforcement officers that use body-worn cameras;

“(13) best practices in the development of protocols for the safe and effective use of body-worn cameras;

“(14) a review of law enforcement agencies that found body-worn cameras to be unhelpful in the operations of the agencies; and

“(15) any other factors that the Director determines are relevant in evaluating the efficacy of body-worn cameras.

“(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the study required under subsection (a) is completed, the Director shall submit to Congress a report on the study, which shall include any policy recommendations that the Director considers appropriate.”.

TITLE IV—JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF LYNCHING ACT

SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act”.

SEC. 402. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The crime of lynching succeeded slavery as the ultimate expression of racism in the United States following Reconstruction.

(2) Lynching was a widely acknowledged practice in the United States until the middle of the 20th century.

(3) Lynching was a crime that occurred throughout the United States, with documented incidents in all but 4 States.

(4) At least 4,742 people, predominantly African Americans, were reported lynched in the United States between 1882 and 1968.

(5) Ninety-nine percent of all perpetrators of lynching escaped from punishment by State or local officials.

(6) Lynching prompted African Americans to form the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (referred to in this section as the “NAACP”) and prompted members of B’nai B’rith to found the Anti-Defamation League.

(7) Mr. Walter White, as a member of the NAACP and later as the executive secretary of the NAACP from 1931 to 1955, meticulously investigated lynchings in the United States and worked tirelessly to end segregation and racialized terror.

(8) Nearly 200 anti-lynching bills were introduced in Congress during the first half of the 20th century.

(9) Between 1890 and 1952, 7 Presidents petitioned Congress to end lynching.

(10) Between 1920 and 1940, the House of Representatives passed 3 strong anti-lynching measures.

(11) Protection against lynching was the minimum and most basic of Federal responsibilities, and the Senate considered but failed to enact anti-lynching legislation despite repeated requests by civil rights groups, Presidents, and the House of Representatives to do so.

(12) The publication of “Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America” helped bring greater awareness and proper recognition of the victims of lynching.

(13) Only by coming to terms with history can the United States effectively champion human rights abroad.

(14) An apology offered in the spirit of true repentance moves the United States toward reconciliation and may become central to a new understanding, on which improved racial relations can be forged.

(15) Having concluded that a reckoning with our own history is the only way the country can effectively champion human rights abroad, 90 Members of the United States Senate agreed to Senate Resolution 39, 109th Congress, on June 13, 2005, to apologize to the victims of lynching and the descendants of those victims for the failure of the Senate to enact anti-lynching legislation.

(16) The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, which opened to the public in Montgomery, Alabama, on April 26, 2018, is the Nation’s first memorial dedicated to the legacy of enslaved Black people, people terrorized by lynching, African Americans humiliated by racial segregation and Jim Crow, and people of color burdened with contemporary presumptions of guilt and police violence.

(17) Notwithstanding the Senate’s apology and the heightened awareness and education about the Nation’s legacy with lynching, it is wholly necessary and appropriate for the Congress to enact legislation, after 100 years of unsuccessful legislative efforts, finally to make lynching a Federal crime.

(18) Further, it is the sense of Congress that criminal action by a group increases the likelihood that the criminal object of that group will be successfully attained and decreases the probability that the individuals involved will depart from their path of criminality. Therefore, it is appropriate to specify criminal penalties for the crime of lynching, or any attempt or conspiracy to commit lynching.

(19) The United States Senate agreed to unanimously Senate Resolution 118, 115th Congress, on April 5, 2017, “[c]ondemning hate crime and any other form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority in the United States” and taking notice specifically of Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics demonstrating that “among single-bias hate crime incidents in the United States, 59.2 percent of victims were targeted due to racial, ethnic, or ancestral bias, and among those victims, 52.2 percent were victims of crimes motivated by the offenders’ anti-Black or anti-African American bias”.

(20) On September 14, 2017, President Donald J. Trump signed into law Senate Joint Resolution 49 (Public Law 115–58; 131 Stat. 1149), wherein Congress “condemn[ed] the racist violence and domestic terrorist attack that took place between August 11 and August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia” and “urg[ed] the President and his administration to speak out against hate groups that espouse racism, extremism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, and White supremacy; and use all resources available to the President and the President’s Cabinet to address the growing prevalence of those hate groups in the United States”.

(21) Senate Joint Resolution 49 (Public Law 115–58; 131 Stat. 1149) specifically took notice of “hundreds of torch-bearing White nationalists, White supremacists, Klansmen, and neo-Nazis [who] chanted racist, anti-Semitic, and anti-immigrant slogans and violently engaged with counter-demonstrators on and around the grounds of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville” and that these groups “reportedly are organizing similar events in other cities in the United States and communities everywhere are concerned about the growing and open display of hate and violence being perpetrated by those groups”.

(22) Lynching was a pernicious and pervasive tool that was used to interfere with multiple aspects of life—including the exercise of federally protected rights, as enumerated in section 245 of title 18, United States Code, housing rights, as enumerated in section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3631), and the free exercise of religion, as enumerated in section 247 of title 18, United States Code. Interference with these rights was often effectuated by multiple offenders and groups, rather than isolated individuals. Therefore, pro-

hibiting conspiracies to violate each of these rights recognizes the history of lynching in the United States and serves to prohibit its use in the future.

SEC. 403. LYNCHING.

(a) OFFENSE.—Chapter 13 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 250. Lynching

“Whoever conspires with another person to violate section 245, 247, or 249 of this title or section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3631) shall be punished in the same manner as a completed violation of such section, except that if the maximum term of imprisonment for such completed violation is less than 10 years, the person may be imprisoned for not more than 10 years.”.

(b) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 13 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 249 the following:

“250. Lynching.”.

TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 501. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, or the application of such a provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act and the application of the remaining provisions of this Act to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 502. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed—

(1) to limit legal or administrative remedies under section 1979 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (42 U.S.C. 1983), section 210401 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12601), title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.), or title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.);

(2) to affect any Federal, State, or Tribal law that applies to an Indian Tribe because of the political status of the Tribe; or

(3) to waive the sovereign immunity of an Indian Tribe without the consent of the Tribe.

Purpose and Summary

On June 10, 2020, George Floyd’s brother, Philonise, told the Committee of the pain he felt watching the video of his brother being killed by a Minneapolis police officer. He gave voice to the pain that much of the Nation has felt over the last few weeks. He also spoke to the anger of knowing that George Floyd was only the latest in a much-too-long list of victims of police brutality—disproportionately people of color. He spoke to the frustration that, time and again, in the face of overwhelming evidence that dramatic reform is urgently needed, Congress has done very little. Mr. Floyd charged Congress with making sure that his brother’s death would not be in vain, and he pleaded with Members of the Committee to turn this pain and anger into meaningful change. His words echoed the voices of millions of Americans who have taken to the streets in the last few weeks to demand justice—and to demand action. In advancing H.R. 7120, the “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020,” the most significant policing reform legislation in our Nation’s history, the Committee now answers their call.

In response to the American people’s demand that Congress pass meaningful policing reform legislation, H.R. 7120 contains numerous policing reform measures that, if enacted, will enhance public safety, ensure police accountability, and repair frayed police-com-

munity relations. Among other things, the bill includes provisions that:

- revise the *mens rea* requirement in 18 U.S.C. § 242 so that a defendant can be held criminally liable for acting knowingly or recklessly to deprive a person of his or her federal rights;
- eliminate qualified immunity for federal, state, and local law enforcement officers in civil actions for violations of federal rights;
- enhance the Department of Justice’s authority to pursue investigations of law enforcement officers and agencies for engaging in a “pattern or practice” of violations of federal rights by granting it subpoena authority and further strengthen the statute by creating a cause of action for state attorneys general to pursue such “pattern or practice” actions;
- incentivize independent investigations of police uses of deadly force;
- create a national law enforcement misconduct registry;
- establish use of force data reporting requirements;
- prohibit racial and religious profiling by law enforcement officers and mandate training on racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling;
- ban no-knock warrants in drug cases;
- ban the use of chokeholds and carotid holds;
- limit the transfer of military-grade equipment to state and local law enforcement;
- require law enforcement officers to wear body cameras, prohibit the use of facial recognition technology by federal officers and the use of federal funds by states for such technology;
- establish a use-of-force standard for federal law enforcement officers and condition grants for state and local law enforcement agencies on following the same standards, and;
- create public safety innovation grants to foster non-policing innovations that enhance public safety.

In contrast to President Donald Trump’s recent “Safe Policing for Safe Communities” Executive Order, and the Justice Act introduced by Senator Tim Scott, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020 offers real and transformational change, rather than a validation of an unacceptable status quo. As we have repeatedly stated, we remain ready, willing, and able to work with our Republican colleagues or the Administration as this bill moves forward in the legislative process. Unfortunately, at present, neither of those measures offers us a path to bipartisan compromise that serve the interests of the American people.¹

¹As Chairman Nadler explained during the markup of H.R. 7120, the bill was introduced on June 8, 2020 and, at the time, it was explained to the Minority that the Majority had initiated the process by developing comprehensive legislation with House and Senate colleagues because of the importance of moving quickly given the urgency of the moment the Nation was in. Since that time, the Minority was told that if it wished to help develop the legislation, it needed to make clear to the Majority what changes it wanted and whether those changes would lead to the Minority’s support for the bill. Chair Bass has reached out to the Minority Leader and Senator Tim Scott and Majority staff reached out to the Minority in the ten days prior to the markup. Moreover, the Minority was permitted to invite three witnesses for the Committee’s hearing on this issue on June 10, 2020.

Rather than engage constructively with the Majority, the Minority did not share a single amendment with the Majority before the markup or otherwise accept the Majority’s offers to discuss the bill’s substance. During the markup, Members of the Minority refused the Majority’s offer to review and work with them on specific amendments that the Majority indicated it could support if there was the opportunity to review and discuss before the bill’s consideration on the House floor.

An array of leading civil rights organizations, 15 big-city mayors,² members of the business community, and many others, has indicated support for H.R. 7120, including the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, National Action Network, National Urban League, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the Center for American Progress, Demand Progress, Everytown for Gun Safety, New Democrat Coalition, and the United Negro College Fund.³

Background and Need for the Legislation

I. BACKGROUND

A. *The Link Between Race and Concerns About Use of Excessive Force by Police*

In the face of assertions that the Committee is moving too quickly to advance H.R. 7120, it is well worth remembering the fact that American society has already known for decades of the strong connection between race and the use of excessive, often lethal force by police and yet has failed to act sufficiently in response despite official recommendations. Indeed, in a hearing before the Committee just last week, many witnesses—including those from the law enforcement community—reminded the Committee in their testimony that law enforcement in the United States has a long, ugly history of institutional racism, discrimination, and brutality against African Americans and other marginalized groups, a history that continues to shape policing in America today.⁴

²Sylvester Turner (Houston, TX); Eric Garcetti (Los Angeles, CA); Jacob Frey (Minneapolis, MN); Jenny A. Durkan (Seattle, WA); Ron Nirenberg (San Antonio, TX); London Breed (San Francisco, CA); Michael B. Hancock (Denver, CO); Steve Adler (Austin, TX); Libby Schaff (Oakland, CA); Ted Wheeler (Portland, OR); Victoria Woodards (Tacoma, WA); Satya Rhodes-Conway (Madison, WI); Regina Romero (Tucson, AZ); John Cooper (Nashville, TN); and Rusty Bailey (Riverside, CA).

³The other organizations expressing support for H.R. 7120 are Adobe, American Association for Justice, American Association of Independent Music, Artists Rights Alliance, BBVA USA, Black Millennial Convention, Black Music Action Coalition, Fund for Leadership, Equity, Access and Diversity, Future of Music Coalition, International Black Women's Public Policy Institute, ITI, Little Listeners of the Carolinas, Music Artists' Coalition, National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, National African American Clergy Network, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, National Organization of Black County Officials, Inc., National Association of Black County Officials, Recording Industry Association of America, Save a Girl, Save a World, Songwriters of North America, The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Third Way, Tougaloo College, Voice of the Experienced, and the YWCA.

⁴See *Policing Practices and Law Enforcement Accountability: Hearing Before the H. Comm. on the Judiciary*, 116th Cong. (2020) [hereinafter "Policing Practices Hearing"] (written testimony of Art Acevedo, Chief of the Houston Police Department and President, Major City Chiefs Association, at 3) [hereinafter "Acevedo Testimony"] (stating "law enforcement's past contains institutional racism, injustices, and brutality" and that "we must recognize that policing has had a disparate impact on disenfranchised communities, especially communities of color and poor communities), (written testimony of Paul Butler, Albert Brick Professor in Law, Georgetown University Law Center, at 2) [hereinafter "Butler Testimony"] ("there has never, not for one minute in American history, been peace between black people and the police"), (written testimony of Ronald L. Davis, Chair, Legislative Committee, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, at 4) [hereinafter "Davis Testimony"] (stating "most of the systems that determine why we police, how we police, and where we police were constructed in the 1940's, '50s, and '60s to enforce Jim Crow and other discriminatory laws" and that policing systems "still suffer from structural racism and institutional deficiencies . . . [and] even good cops have had outcomes, and bad and racist cops operate with impunity), (written testimony of Phillip Atiba Goff, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Center for Policing Equity, at 2, 3) [hereinafter "Goff Testimony"] (noting the "festering wounds of racial violence woven into our history

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More than a half-century ago, in its report on the causes of racial unrest in American cities during the 1960's, the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, also known as the Kerner Commission, wrote (in the language of the time) in assessing the causes of the unrest:

The police are not merely a “spark” factor. To some Negroes police have come to symbolize white power, white racism and white repression. And the fact is that many police do reflect and express these white attitudes. The atmosphere of hostility and cynicism is reinforced by a widespread belief among Negroes in the existence of police brutality and in a “double standard” of justice and protection—one for Negroes and one for whites.

The abrasive relationship between the police and the minority communities has been a major—and explosive—source of grievance, tension and disorder. The blame must be shared by the total society.

The police are faced with demands for increased protection and service in the ghetto. Yet the aggressive patrol practices thought necessary to meet these demands themselves create tension and hostility.

The resulting grievances have been further aggravated by the lack of effective mechanisms for handling complaints against the police. Special programs for bettering police-community relations have been instituted, but these alone are not enough. Police administrators, with the guidance of public officials, and the support of the entire community, must take vigorous action to improve law enforcement and to decrease the potential for disorder.⁵

In 1947, a generation before the Kerner Commission issued its report, a similar commission appointed by President Harry Truman to study the state of civil rights in the United States issued similar findings about the link between societal racism against African Americans and police brutality in its report. The report noted that “There is evidence of lawless police action against whites and Negroes alike, but the dominant pattern is that of race prejudice . . . Negroes have been shot, supposedly in self-defense, under circumstances indicating, at best, unsatisfactory police work in the handling of criminals, and, at worst, a callous willingness to kill.”⁶

Sadly, continued killings of unarmed African Americans by police in recent years appear to have highlighted how little progress has been made to address the problem of police violence against racial minorities, and, more generally, of tensions between police and minority communities, despite decades of official findings identifying the problem. The United States is currently in the sixth year of its most recent national conversation around policing practices that was sparked by several high-profile, fatal applications of force against unarmed African Americans, a national discourse that has

of policing” and stating that what limited data is available shows that “there is no doubt that Black, Native, and Latinx people have more contact with law enforcement than do White people” and that “neither crime nor poverty are sufficient to explain racial disparities in use of force, and in some limited geographic areas, it is not sufficient to explain racial disparities in [police] stops”).

⁵Report of the Nat'l Advisory Comm'n on Civil Disorders, at 10, 14–15 (1968) [hereinafter “Kerner Commission Report”], available at <http://www.eisenhowerfoundation.org/docs/kerner.pdf>.

⁶*To Secure These Rights: The Report of the President's Commission on Civil Rights*, at 26 (1947) [hereinafter “1947 Report”], available at <https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/library/to-secure-these-rights>; see also Adam Harris, *Racism Won't Be Solved By Yet Another Blue-Ribbon Commission*, *The Atlantic*, June 4, 2020, available at <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2020/06/george-floyd-racism-police-brutality/612565/> (quoting the 1947 commission report).

been given renewed momentum by a series of such killings in recent months.

On December 18, 2014, then-President Barack Obama issued Executive Order 13684 authorizing a task force to study law enforcement practices. The mission of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing (the President’s Task Force) was to examine ways of fostering strong, collaborative relationships between local law enforcement and the communities they protect and to make recommendations so that policing practices can promote effective crime reduction while building public trust.⁷ The President’s Task Force conducted seven listening sessions in three cities, solicited oral and written testimony from over 250 different witnesses and experts, and issued its final report in May 2015 (The President’s Task Force Report). In the years that followed, a growing, bipartisan consensus emerged on several policing and criminal justice reforms.

In 2018, the United States Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) examined the use of force within the context of modern policing practices in light of the series of fatal encounters between unarmed African Americans and police beginning in 2014. It found that:

- Accurate and comprehensive data regarding police uses of force is generally not available to police departments or the American public.
- No comprehensive national database exists that captures rates of police use of force.
- The lack of data on use of force is exacerbated by the absence of mandatory federal reporting and standardized reporting guidelines.
- The best available evidence reflects high rates of use of force nationally, and increased likelihood of police use of force against people of color, people with disabilities, LGBTQ people, people with mental health concerns, people with low incomes, and those at the intersections of those groups.
- Law enforcement officers lack training on critical areas such as de-escalation techniques, anti-bias mechanisms, and strategies for encounters with individuals with physical and mental disabilities.
- Law enforcement agencies lack: (a) transparency about policies and practices in place governing use of force and (b) accountability for noncompliance with any existing use of force policies and procedures.
- Communities perceive that police use of force is unchecked and unlawful based on: (a) repeated and highly publicized fatal applications of force against unarmed civilians, (b) the lack of accurate data on use of force, and (c) the lack of transparency and accountability regarding policies and practices governing use of force.⁸

All the foregoing entities made a series of recommendations for policymakers, many of which are, in some form, reflected in H.R. 7120. For example, among The President’s Task Force’s rec-

⁷ OFF. OF CMTY. ORIENTED POLICING SERV., DEP’T OF JUST., THE PRESIDENT’S TASK FORCE ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING, FINAL REPORT 5 (2015) [hereinafter “The President’s Task Force”], available at https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/taskforce/taskforce_finalreport.pdf.

⁸ U.S. COMM’N ON CIV. RTS., POLICE USE OF FORCE: AN EXAMINATION OF MODERN POLICING PRACTICES 4 (2018) [hereinafter “USCCR Report”], available at <https://www.usccr.gov/pubs/2018/11-15-Police-Force.pdf>.

ommendations were: (1) clear use of force policies that include de-escalation training; (2) policies to prohibit racial profiling; (3) independent investigations of officer-involved shootings, uses of force, and in-custody deaths; (4) collection and public availability of demographic data regarding police interactions; and (5) the incentivization of the establishment of public safety innovation programs to help improve police relations with minority communities.⁹

The 2018 USCCR report also outlined a number of recommendations, including: (1) a return by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to vigorous pursuit of cases against local police departments for engaging in a “pattern or practice” of unconstitutional conduct and use consent decrees in such cases as necessary; (2) the creation of federal guidance supporting development of effective training, policies, and internal accountability measures that promote expanded strategies and tactics that safeguard the lives of officers and citizens; (3) training for officers regarding de-escalation techniques and alternatives to use of force; (4) independent investigation and prosecution of police use-of-force cases; and (5) aggregation and public dissemination of data by police departments regarding use of force, disaggregated by race, gender, and disability status.¹⁰

Going further back, the Kerner Commission had recommended, among other things, that cities “review police operations in the ghetto to ensure proper conduct by police officers, and eliminate abrasive practices”; “establish fair and effective mechanisms for the redress of grievances against the police”; “develop and adopt policy guidelines to assist officers in making critical decisions in areas where police conduct can create tension”; “develop and use innovative programs to ensure widespread community support for law enforcement;” and “recruit more Negroes into the regular police force.”¹¹ The 1947 Truman-appointed civil rights commission’s report recommended that “police training programs . . . should be instituted. They should be oriented so as to indoctrinate officers with an awareness of civil rights problems. Proper treatment by the police of those who are arrested and incarcerated in local jails should be stressed.”¹²

While there has been some progress, police-community relations remain fraught, particularly in light of more recent incidents of police killings of unarmed African Americans. On October 28, 2019, President Donald Trump signed Executive Order 13896, establishing a Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice, authorizing Attorney General William Barr to select a commission of experts to study crime, its causal factors, and current law enforcement practices.¹³ President Trump authorized the Commission to study criminal justice issues, such as refusals by state and local prosecutors to enforce laws or prosecute categories of crimes, as well as a perceived disrespect for law enforcement. In

⁹The President’s Task Force at 16.

¹⁰USCCR Report at 4–5.

¹¹Kerner Commission Report at 15.

¹²1947 Report at 157.

¹³The Barr Commission has been accused of lacking transparency. The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed suit to challenge the legality of the Commission and alleged that the Commission has failed to comply with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. See NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., *LDF Files Lawsuit Challenging the President’s Law Enforcement Commission, Arguing that it Fails to Comply with Federal Advisory Committee Act Requirements*, April 30, 2020, available at <https://www.naacpldf.org/wp-content/uploads/FACA-Suit-Statement-FINAL.pdf>.

remarks about the Commission, Attorney General Barr pointedly lamented “a disturbing pattern of cynicism and disrespect shown toward law enforcement.”¹⁴

Since 2014, the annual rate of fatal police-involved shootings nationwide has remained steady—averaging nearly 1000 per year.¹⁵ Meanwhile, in 2020, four more high profile killings of unarmed African Americans under color of law have reignited the public outrage that had been steadily building for years. Protests in Minneapolis, MN and in cities nationwide morphed for a time into physical expressions of rage and despair, and many peaceful protests against police abuses continue nationwide.

B. Killings Since 2014 of African-Americans in Police Custody and Movement for Police Accountability and Transparency

A series of deaths of unarmed African-American men while in police custody accompanied by public unrest in Ferguson, MO and Baltimore, MD, sparked a movement in the United States to demand transparency and accountability when police use force against civilians:

- July 17, 2014: Eric Garner was choked to death by police in New York, NY.
- August 9, 2014: Michael Brown was shot to death by police in Ferguson, MO.
- August 9–25, 2014: Residents of Ferguson, MO publicly protested the shooting of Michael Brown and the protests escalated into a series of riots.
- October 20, 2014: LaQuan McDonald was shot to death by police in Chicago, IL.
- November 22, 2014: Tamir Rice, aged 12, was shot to death by police in Cleveland, OH.
- April 5, 2015, Walter Scott was shot to death by police in North Charleston, SC.
- April 18, 2015 Freddie Gray died of a spinal cord injury suffered while he was in police custody in Baltimore, MD.
- April 18–April 29, 2015: Baltimore residents began non-violent protests; however the protests escalated into violence.
- July 5, 2016: Alton Sterling was shot by Baton Rouge, LA, police and, while no officer was criminally charged, one officer was fired.
- July 7, 2016: Philando Castile was shot in his car by a police officer outside St. Paul, MN; the officer involved was tried and acquitted of second-degree manslaughter.
- September 16, 2016: Terence Crutcher was shot by police outside his car in Tulsa, OK; the officer involved was tried and acquitted of manslaughter.
- April 29, 2017: Jordan Edwards was shot by police while sitting in the passenger seat of a car in Balch Springs, TX; the officer involved was convicted of murder.

The public outrage over these incidents, most of which were captured on video, once again catapulted decades of mistrust between

¹⁴Dep’t of Justice, *Attorney General William P. Barr Delivers Remarks at the Presidential Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice Opening Ceremony*, Jan. 22, 2020, available at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/speech/attorney-general-william-p-barr-delivers-remarks-presidential-commission-law-enforcement>.

¹⁵Julie Tate, Jennifer Jenkins & Steven Rich, *Fatal Force*, WASH. POST, May 26, 2020, available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/>.

police and marginalized communities into the national political discourse. Initially inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, which was formed in response to the Stand Your Ground laws utilized to justify the 2012 murders of two unarmed African-American teenagers, Trayvon Martin and Jordan Davis, the public outcry over the extrajudicial killings of unarmed civilians continued to grow as protests by professional athletes in the National Football League and the National Basketball Association, as well as comments from President Obama supplemented grassroots calls for reform.

Amid the ongoing debate around policing practices since the protests stemming from the killings of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray, and others, violent confrontations between police and civilians continued. On March 18, 2018, Sacramento Police fired 20 shots killing Stephon Clark, a 22-year-old African American who had fled into his own backyard, mistaking the cellphone he was holding for a gun. The shooting was captured on video. The officers were not charged with any criminal offenses, and a federal civil rights investigation remains ongoing.

On June 19, 2018, unarmed African American teenager Antwon Rose II, 17, was shot three times in the back, face, and elbow while fleeing from East Pittsburgh Police Officer Michael Rosefeld after a traffic stop.¹⁶ The shooting was captured on video. On March 22, 2019, Rosefeld was acquitted of criminal homicide for Rose's death.¹⁷

On November 26, 2019, a Baltimore County police officer fatally shot Eric Sopp during a traffic stop after Sopp refused to obey their commands to remain inside his vehicle. Baltimore County prosecutors determined that the shooting was justified because Sopp's erratic behavior placed the officer in a highly dangerous situation.¹⁸

On January 27, 2020, Prince George's County Police Corporal Michael Owen fired seven shots, killing William Green while Green was handcuffed and seated in his car. Owen was charged with voluntary and involuntary manslaughter, first-degree assault and use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence and awaits trial.¹⁹

On February 23, 2020, Travis and Gregory McMichael killed Ahmaud Arbery while he was jogging, purportedly because they suspected him of committing a burglary. The killing of Mr. Arbery and its subsequent investigation are reminiscent of early 20th century lynchings in the Jim Crow South. Gregory McMichael was a former police officer and investigator with the Glynn County Police Department and Brunswick Judicial Circuit, the entities responsible for investigating the killing. The killing was captured on video, yet law enforcement refused to arrest the McMichaels for 74 days—until the video was leaked to the public on May 7, 2020. Gregory McMichael's status as a former law enforcement officer, in

¹⁶ Adeel Hassan, *Antwon Rose Shooting: White Police Officer Acquitted in Death of Black Teenager*, N.Y. TIMES, Mar. 22, 2019, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/22/us/antwon-rose-shooting.html>.

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ Tom Jackman, *Baltimore County police officer cleared in killing of unarmed, suicidal man*, WASH. POST, Mar. 2, 2020, available at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/crime-law/2020/03/02/baltimore-county-police-officer-cleared-killing-unarmed-suicidal-man/>.

¹⁹ Neil Vigdor, Mariel Padilla and Sandra E. Garcia, *Police Officer Charged With Murder in Killing of Handcuffed Suspect in Maryland*, N.Y. TIMES, Jan. 28, 2020, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/28/us/prince-georges-maryland-police-shooting.html>.

addition to his relationship with prosecutors responsible for investigating Mr. Arbery’s killing, raise questions as to whether some combination of racial bias, conflicts of interest, or gross negligence led to Mr. Arbery’s death and compromised the integrity of the subsequent investigation.

In the early morning hours of March 13, 2020, Breonna Taylor was shot eight times and killed by Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) Criminal Interdiction Division officers executing a “no-knock” search warrant on her apartment during the early morning hours of March 13, 2020. Apparently, the subject of the warrant was already in police custody prior to LMPD officers arriving at Ms. Taylor’s apartment. Upon arrival, the officers, who were in plain clothes, did not knock and did not identify themselves as police.²⁰ Ms. Taylor’s boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, a licensed gun owner, used his firearm to defend the home against what he believed to be an attempted burglary.²¹ The officers fired a hail of bullets into the apartment, over twenty rounds, striking Ms. Taylor eight times and killing her.²² The officers were not wearing body cameras.²³

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed when Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) officers applied an illegal chokehold to his neck while he was handcuffed and pinned to the ground. The killing, captured on video, is the latest in a string of high profile and outrageous extrajudicial killings of African Americans suspected of committing minor criminal violations and is eerily reminiscent of the NYPD killing of Eric Garner. The nine-minute video appears to show an officer kneeling on Mr. Floyd’s neck as he begs for help, stating repeatedly that he could not breathe.²⁴

MPD officers claim that Mr. Floyd was resisting their attempts to arrest him for forgery—a non-violent offense.²⁵ Newly released video appears to contradict that claim.²⁶ As the officer applied the force of his full body weight on top of Mr. Floyd with a knee to the neck, bystanders called for officers to reduce the amount of force being applied.²⁷ “He’s not even resisting arrest right now, bro,” one bystander tells the officer and his partner.²⁸ One bystander observed that the officer was cutting off Mr. Floyd’s air supply: “You’re . . . stopping his breathing right now, you think that’s cool?”²⁹ After about five minutes into the video, Mr. Floyd appears to go unconscious.³⁰ Police then called an ambulance which took Mr. Floyd to the Hennepin County Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.³¹

²⁰ Complaint at 7, *Palmer v. Hankison*, No. 20–CI–002694 (Jefferson Cnty. Cir. Ct. Apr. 27, 2020).

²¹ *Id.* at 3, 10.

²² *Id.* at 9.

²³ Nick Picht, *LMPD officers serving warrant at Breonna Taylor’s home were not wearing body cameras*, WAVE 3 NEWS, May 16, 2020.

²⁴ *FBI investigating after man dies in Minneapolis Police custody; video shows him saying “I can’t breathe,”* KARE11, May 26, 2020.

²⁵ “*Being Black in America Should Not Be A Death Sentence*”: Officials Respond to George Floyd’s Death, WCCO CBS MINNESOTA, May 26, 2020.

²⁶ Dakin Andone, *Surveillance video does not support police claims that George Floyd resisted arrest*, CNN, May 28, 2020.

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *Id.*

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ WCCO CBS MINNESOTA.

³¹ KARE11.

C. *The Burden on Law Enforcement*

As the spotlight on high-profile applications of fatal force by police has intensified, some members of the law enforcement profession have felt abused, disrespected, and underappreciated given the personal sacrifices they make to perform a dangerous job that often involves split-second life or death decisions. The job of a patrol officer can be deadly. In 2014, New York Police Department (NYPD) officers Wenjian Liu and Raphael Ramos were shot and killed execution-style while sitting in their patrol car. In 2016, 20 law enforcement officers died in planned assaults carried out by gunmen—the highest number in a least a decade— including in high-profile attacks against police in Dallas and Baton Rouge that occurred ten days apart.³² And on February 9, 2020, NYPD Officer Paul Stroffolino was ambushed while sitting in his marked unit and shot in the head. Officer Stroffolino was expected to survive. Hours later, Officer Stroffolino’s assailant entered the 41st Precinct in the Bronx and emptied the entire clip of a 9mm handgun, striking a lieutenant in the upper left arm. The assailant has been charged with several counts of attempted murder and awaits trial. While planned attacks on officers are relatively rare, officers must face the most dangerous encounters as a matter of routine: traffic stops, serving warrants, and responding to domestic violence calls.

The public scrutiny and violent attacks have led some to believe that there is a “war on cops” and that in response, police have begun to pull back in their enforcement duties—a phenomenon labelled as “the Ferguson effect.”³³ Fewer people are seeking careers in policing, as a majority of police chiefs surveyed said hiring had become more difficult, with two-thirds reporting difficulty finding nonwhite officers.³⁴

II. NEED FOR LEGISLATION

A. *Post-Incident Accountability Measures*

1. *“Pattern or Practice” Enforcement Actions Under 34 U.S.C. § 12601*

H.R. 7120 makes it easier in several ways to more effectively enforce 34 U.S.C. § 12601, which authorizes the DOJ to pursue civil suits for equitable and declaratory relief against individual officers or police departments to stop them from engaging in a pattern or practice of depriving persons of their constitutional or other federal rights.³⁵ To prevail, DOJ must prove that a law enforcement agency engaged in such conduct by a preponderance of evidence. The pattern or practice of excessive use of force has been found in the past to have been one type of conduct prohibited by the statute.³⁶ The DOJ is currently the *only* government agency authorized to

³² Ann Givens, *Ambush Shootings of Police Officers Reach Highest Total in Decades*, THE TRACE, Dec. 6, 2016, available at <https://www.thetrace.org/2016/12/ambush-shootings-police-officers-reaches-highest-total-decades/>.

³³ See Mitch Smith, *Policing: What Changed (and Didn’t) Since Michael Brown Died*, N.Y. TIMES, Aug. 7, 2019, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/07/us/racism-ferguson.html>.

³⁴ *Id.*

³⁵ 34 U.S.C. § 12601 was previously codified as 42 U.S.C. § 14141.

³⁶ See, e.g., DEP’T OF JUST., INVESTIGATION OF THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT, Mar. 16, 2011.

eliminate unconstitutional patterns and practices under the statute.

Using its Section 12601 authority, the DOJ had in years past investigated a substantial number of police departments around the country engaged in a variety of constitutional violations. The Obama Administration, for example, launched 25 such investigations.³⁷ Three factors typically triggered federal investigations: (1) the development of a significant body of complaints by stakeholder groups that create an inference of a pattern of constitutional violations; (2) voluntary requests by elected officials or agency management for a review of agency practices and technical support to improve policies and procedures; and (3) high visibility episodes of police misconduct accompanied by substantial proof such as a video recording.

The DOJ typically sought to enjoin patterns or practices of unconstitutional conduct through judicially enforceable consent decrees or court orders that required the local law enforcement agency to end the misconduct at issue and change the policies and procedures that led to the violations. Examples of required policy changes included early intervention systems to monitor and intervene with officers at risk of serious misconduct, or more open administrative complaint procedures. Where violations were widespread and substantial, a consent decree and memorandum of agreement provided essential assurance that the reform effort would be monitored and enforced.

Relief secured by DOJ pursuant to its Section 12601 authority can have broad and lasting effects that encourage policing practices that reduce the risk of unconstitutional police-civilian encounters and build trust between law enforcement and the community. Section 12601 relief supports that goal by articulating best practices and demonstrating how to apply them while providing enforcement mechanisms which incentivize reform.

Unfortunately, under the Trump Administration, the DOJ has largely abdicated its responsibility to use its Section 12601 authority to address police abuses. As an early priority during his tenure, Attorney General Jeff Sessions reversed the DOJ's policy of pursuing consent decrees to resolve policing practices investigations. Within a month of his appointment, Attorney General Sessions ordered a review of the use of consent decrees to ensure that they advanced the safety and protection of the public.³⁸ He further asserted that consent decrees "reduce morale" among police officers and had the effect of increasing violent crime.³⁹ These principles were memorialized in a memorandum dated March 31, 2017 (the March 2017 Memo).⁴⁰

In April 2017, the DOJ changed its position in a settlement agreement it had entered into with the Baltimore Police Depart-

³⁷ Policing Practices Hearing (written testimony of Vanita Gupta, President and Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, at 2) [hereinafter "Gupta Testimony"].

³⁸ Sheryl Gay Stolberg & Eric Lichtblau, *Sweeping Federal Review Could Affect Consent Decrees Nationwide*, N.Y. TIMES, Apr. 3, 2017, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/03/us/justice-department-jeff-sessions-baltimore-police.html>.

³⁹ Katie Benner, *Sessions, in Last-Minute Act, Sharply Limits Use of Consent Decrees to Curb Police Abuses*, N.Y. TIMES, Nov. 8, 2018, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/08/us/politics/sessions-limits-consent-decrees.html>.

⁴⁰ Memorandum for Heads of Department Components and United States Attorneys, March 31, 2017, available at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/954916/download>.

ment during the Obama Administration. It filed a document in the district court seeking more time to “assess whether and how the provisions of the proposed consent decrees interact” with the principles outlined in the March 2017 Memo.⁴¹

The DOJ continued its non-decree policy in two notable investigations of Louisiana law enforcement agencies that were engaging in systemic abuses of constitutional rights. In December 2016, the Obama DOJ investigated the Ville Platte Police Department and Evangeline Parish Sheriff’s Office in Louisiana and found that the agencies routinely arrested and detained individuals without probable cause.⁴² In June 2018, the DOJ settled the cases out of court without a judicially enforceable consent decree and without community input.⁴³

In October 2018, DOJ intervened in the State of Illinois’ lawsuit against the Chicago Police Department (CPD), opposing a settlement even after the Obama Justice Department found rampant use of excessive force aimed at black and Latino individuals.⁴⁴ Finally, in November 2018, just prior to his resignation, Attorney General Sessions issued a second memorandum (the November 2018 Memo) making it more difficult for DOJ officials to obtain court-enforced agreements to stop civil rights abuses by local police departments.⁴⁵ The November 2018 Memo imposed three stringent requirements that will make it harder to negotiate and enforce consent decrees:

- DOJ lawyers must now provide evidence of violations beyond unconstitutional behavior;
- Consent decrees must have an identified sunset date, as opposed to being allowed to stay in place until the unlawful practices are remedied;
- Career DOJ lawyers can no longer approve consent decrees; approval from top political appointees is now required.⁴⁶

Several witnesses raised concerns about the Trump Administration’s failure to use its authority under Section 12601 at the Committee’s hearing on policing practices. Vanita Gupta, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCHR) and the former Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights during the Obama Administration, testified that the current Administration had severely curtailed the DOJ’s use of consent decrees to address police civil rights abuse.⁴⁷

⁴¹ Motion for Continuance of Public Fairness Hearing, *USA v. Police Department of Baltimore City*, No. 1:17-cv-00099-JKB, (D. Md. Apr. 3, 2017), ECF No. 23.

⁴² Department of Justice Investigation of the Ville Platte Police Department and the Evangeline Parish Sheriff’s Office, December 19, 2016.

⁴³ Ian MacDougall, *How the Trump Administration Went Easy on Small-Town Police Abuses*, Pro Publica, Aug. 27, 2018, available at <https://www.propublica.org/article/ville-platte-louisiana-police-consent-decree-trump-justice-department>.

⁴⁴ Katie Benner, *Sessions, in Last-Minute Act, Sharply Limits Use of Consent Decrees to Curb Police Abuses*, N.Y. TIMES, Nov. 8, 2018, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/08/us/politics/sessions-limits-consent-decrees.html>; see also United States’ Statement of Interest Opposing Proposed Consent Decree, *Illinois v. Chicago*, No. 17-cv-06260 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 12, 2018), ECF No. 160.

⁴⁵ Memorandum for Heads of Civil Litigation Components, United States Attorneys, Nov. 7, 2018, available at <https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1109681/download>; Christy E. Lopez, *Here’s Why Jeff Sessions’s Parting Shot is Worse Than You Thought*, The Marshall Project, Nov. 19, 2018, available at <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2018/11/19/here-s-why-jeff-sessions-parting-shot-is-worse-than-you-thought>.

⁴⁶ Katie Benner, *Sessions, in Last-Minute Act, Sharply Limits Use of Consent Decrees to Curb Police Abuses*, N.Y. TIMES, Nov. 8, 2018, available at <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/08/us/politics/sessions-limits-consent-decrees.html>.

⁴⁷ Gupta Testimony at 3.

Similarly, Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, testified that the “Trump Administration has abdicated its authority to investigate police departments and instead has incited unlawful policing.”⁴⁸ Ronald Davis, Chair of the Legislative Committee for the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), also proposed rescinding the Session memo pertaining to consent decrees.⁴⁹ The 2018 USCCR report recommended, among other things, that the DOJ return to vigorous pursuit of cases against local police departments for engaging in a “pattern or practice” of unconstitutional conduct and use consent decrees in such cases as necessary.⁵⁰

H.R. 7120 strengthens the investigatory and enforcement mechanisms of Section 12601 in a number of ways. First, it grants the DOJ the authority to issue subpoenas in “pattern or practice” investigations of local law enforcement entities to compel the production of relevant information or documents in an investigation.⁵¹ Obtaining such materials is critical to establishing the breadth of unconstitutional practices. Second, to provide an additional means of enforcement, it creates a cause of action allowing state attorneys general to pursue “pattern or practice” enforcement actions in federal court so that authority to pursue such actions would no longer be exclusively held by the DOJ.⁵² Third, it expressly affirms the existing understanding and practice under Section 12601 that prosecutors are among those law enforcement officials subject to the statute’s prohibition on engaging in a “pattern or practice” of conduct that deprives individuals of their constitutional or civil rights.⁵³ Finally, it authorizes appropriations for additional expenses related to the enforcement of Section 12601.⁵⁴

2. Federal Criminal Enforcement Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 242

H.R. 7120 also strengthens an important criminal enforcement tool against police officers who violate a person’s constitutional or civil rights. Among the criminal enforcement tools available to the DOJ to punish law enforcement officers that apply improper or excessive amounts of force against civilians is 18 U.S.C. § 242. Section 242 prohibits the willful deprivation of a person’s federal civil or constitutional rights while acting under the color of law.⁵⁵

Section 242 is a specific intent crime.⁵⁶ To sustain a conviction, the Justice Department must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant: (1) acted under color of law; (2) deprived an indi-

⁴⁸ Policing Practices Hearing (written testimony of Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, at 3) [hereinafter “Ifill Testimony”].

⁴⁹ Davis Testimony at 8.

⁵⁰ USCCR Report at 4.

⁵¹ H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020 (116th Cong. 2020), § 103(a)(3).

⁵² *Id.*

⁵³ *Id.* For instance, the DOJ investigated the Missoula County (MT) Attorney’s Office for allegations of gender bias in its handling of sexual assault cases. See Letter from Jocelyn Samuels, Acting Ass’t Attn’y General *et al* to Fred Van Valkenburg, County Attorney, Missoula County, MT, Feb. 14, 2014 available at https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/02/19/missoula_ltr_2-14-14.pdf. See also Memorandum of Understanding Between the Montana Attorney General, the Missoula County Attorney’s Office, Missoula County, and the Dep’t of Justice, available at https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/crt/legacy/2014/06/10/missoula_settle_6-10-14.pdf (outlining terms of settlement ending DOJ “pattern or practice” investigation of Missoula County Attorney’s Office).

⁵⁴ *Id.* § 116.

⁵⁵ 18 U.S.C. § 242.

⁵⁶ *United States v. Proano*, 912 F.3d 431, 442 (7th Cir. 2019).

vidual of a constitutional right; and (3) acted willfully.⁵⁷ To establish the third element, that a defendant acted “willfully,” the government must demonstrate that the defendant intended to commit an act that results in a constitutional deprivation.⁵⁸ In the excessive force context, this means the government must prove that the defendant intentionally applied an amount of force that he or she *knew* was objectively unreasonable under the circumstances.⁵⁹ This required showing of willful intent on the defendant’s part effectively makes prosecution of police officers who commit civil rights violations through their use of excessive force very difficult, if not impossible.

H.R. 7120 addresses the concern that the required showing of willfulness is too high a burden for prosecutors to meet by modifying the required showing of intent under Section 242. Under the bill, the government would only need to prove that an officer acted “knowingly or recklessly” in depriving a person of his or her constitutional rights.⁶⁰ At the hearing before the Committee, several witnesses, including Ronald Davis of NOBLE and Ms. Gupta of LCCHR, testified in favor of this change.⁶¹ In addition, the bill would eliminate the death penalty from Section 242 and clarify that any act that was a substantial factor contributing to death of a person is considered an act resulting in death, subjecting the defendant to the strongest penalties under the statute.⁶² Finally, the bill authorizes appropriations for additional expenses related to the enforcement of Section 242.⁶³

3. Civil Action for Deprivation of Constitutional Rights

The civil counterpart to 18 U.S.C. § 242 is 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which authorizes a civil action against any “person who, under color of” state law, “subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of” federal rights.⁶⁴ The law was first enacted during Reconstruction to combat systematic violence and abuse against African Americans.⁶⁵

The text of Section 1983 contains no mention of official “immunities” or other defenses available to officers who are sued. However, over the past several decades, the Supreme Court has constructed a doctrine known as “qualified immunity.” Qualified immunity shields officers from liability “unless they have ‘violated a statutory or constitutional right that was clearly established at the time of the challenged conduct.’”⁶⁶ Thus, courts can (and often do) hold

⁵⁷The second element requires proof beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant deprived the victim of their right to be free from excessive applications of force. The Supreme Court, in *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386, 396–97 (1989), held that all applications of force by government agents prior to or during arrest must be governed by the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits “unreasonable searches and seizures.” The reasonableness of a particular application of force is judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene in light of the totality of facts and circumstances confronting them at the moment force was applied.

⁵⁸*Proano* at 442 (quoting *United States v. Bradley*, 196 F.3d 762, 770 (7th Cir. 1999)).

⁵⁹*Proano* at 442–443.

⁶⁰H.R. 7120, § 101(1).

⁶¹Davis Testimony at 6; Gupta Testimony at 6.

⁶²H.R. 7120, §§ 101(2) & 101(3).

⁶³*Id.* § 116.

⁶⁴42 U.S.C. § 1983. A more limited cause of action is available against federal officers pursuant to *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971).

⁶⁵See An Act to Enforce the Provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for Other Purposes, ch. 22, § 1, 17 Stat. 13 (1871).

⁶⁶*City and Cnty of San Francisco v. Sheehan*, 135 S. Ct. 1765, 1774 (2015) (quoting *Plumhoff v. Pickard*, 572 U.S. 765, 778 (2014)) (additional internal quotations omitted).

that an official’s conduct violated the Constitution but that the plaintiff is nonetheless barred from recovering damages. The Supreme Court has described qualified immunity as an “exacting standard”⁶⁷ that “protects ‘all but the plainly incompetent or those who knowingly violate the law.’”⁶⁸

In the context of excessive force claims against police officers, qualified immunity has frequently barred victims of civil rights abuses from recovering in court. Even before qualified immunity is applied, a plaintiff alleging excessive force must demonstrate, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the officer caused injury or death to the victim by applying more force than “objectively reasonable” under the circumstances.⁶⁹ This reasonableness test “requires careful attention to the facts and circumstances of each particular case, including the severity of the crime at issue, whether the suspect poses an immediate threat to the safety of the officers or others, and whether he is actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight.”⁷⁰ Qualified immunity imposes an additional and nearly insurmountable barrier: it requires the plaintiff to show that prior case law from an appellate court or the Supreme Court has already established that nearly identical conduct in nearly identical circumstances is unlawful.⁷¹ For example, the Supreme Court recently denied review in a case holding that an officer who shot a child while aiming for a family dog—who posed no evident threat—was protected by qualified immunity, because no prior case law provided sufficiently “‘obvious clarity’ to the unique and unfortunate circumstances” of the case.⁷²

Qualified immunity has faced considerable criticism from a broad range of scholars,⁷³ practitioners,⁷⁴ civil rights advocates,⁷⁵ and even judges and Justices.⁷⁶ As Sherrilyn Ifill, Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, explained in her testimony before the Committee, qualified immunity “has been interpreted by courts so expansively that it now provides near-impunity for police officers who engage in unconstitutional acts of violence.”⁷⁷ Section 102 of H.R. 7120 addresses the particular obstacles that qualified immunity imposes in civil rights suits against law enforcement officials. It expressly bars the defense of qualified immunity in Section 1983 suits against state and local law enforcement officers by prohibiting defenses based on the “good faith” of

⁶⁷ *Id.*

⁶⁸ *Ashcroft v. al-Kidd*, 563 U.S. 731, 743 (2011) (quoting *Malley v. Briggs*, 475 U.S. 335, 341 (1986)).

⁶⁹ *Graham*, 490 U.S. at 397 (1989).

⁷⁰ *Id.* at 396.

⁷¹ See, e.g., Ifill Testimony at 4–5; e.g., *Kisela v. Hughes*, 138 S. Ct. 1148 (2018) (per curiam); *Mullenix v. Luna*, 136 S. Ct. 305 (2015) (per curiam).

⁷² *Corbitt v. Vickers*, 929 F.3d 1304, 1316–17 (11th Cir. 2019), *cert denied*, No. 19–679, 2020 WL 3146693 (2020).

⁷³ See, e.g., William Baude, *Is Qualified Immunity Unlawful?*, 106 CAL. L. REV. 45 (2018); David Rudovsky, *The Qualified Immunity Doctrine in the Supreme Court: Judicial Activism and the Restriction of Constitutional Rights*, 138 U. PA. L. REV. 23 (1989).

⁷⁴ See, e.g., Policing Practices Hearing (written testimony of Benjamin Crump, at 1–2) [hereinafter “Crump Testimony”].

⁷⁵ See, e.g., Ifill Testimony at 4–5; Gupta Testimony at 6; Letter from Clark Neily, Vice President of Criminal Justice, Cato Institute, to Members of the H. Comm. on the Judiciary (June 16, 2020).

⁷⁶ See, e.g., *Baxter v. Bracey*, No. 18–1287, 2020 WL 3146701, at *1 (2020) (Thomas, J., dissenting from denial of certiorari and observing that “our § 1983 qualified immunity doctrine appears to stray from the statutory text”); Jon. O. Newman, *Here’s a Better Way to Punish the Police: Sue Them for Money*, WASH. POST (June 23, 2016).

⁷⁷ Ifill Testimony at 4.

the official or on the purported absence of “clearly established” law.⁷⁸

Section 102 also prohibits such defenses in suits against federal law enforcement officers. Although no federal statute expressly provides a right of action to seek damages against federal officials for violations of the plaintiff’s constitutional rights, the Supreme Court in *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics* recognized that individuals may pursue such actions in certain circumstances.⁷⁹ In order to further ensure that federal officials are subject to the same accountability as their state and local counterparts, the Committee may also consider legislation in the future to expressly codify *Bivens*. In the meantime, Section 102 reflects the Committee’s understanding that *Bivens* remains good law and that qualified immunity should not shield federal law enforcement officials in *Bivens* suits.

Although some have contended that eliminating qualified immunity would unfairly subject police officers to liability and could thereby harm police recruitment or cause officers to hesitate in performing their functions, the Committee finds these arguments unpersuasive. First, as an exhaustive study of police indemnification policies has demonstrated, police officers are almost never personally required to pay damages in civil rights suits.⁸⁰ Those costs are instead borne by the officers’ employers. The elimination of qualified immunity will thus create appropriate incentives for cities and police departments to minimize instances of police brutality through proper training and disciplinary mechanisms. Second, even without the defense of qualified immunity, the existing “objective reasonableness” standard applied in excessive force cases already requires an intensive examination of “the facts and circumstances of each particular case.”⁸¹ The elimination of qualified immunity does not alter that underlying test.

Consistent with the overall purpose of addressing police misconduct, H.R. 7120 does not address qualified immunity in civil rights suits against other types of officials. As already noted, qualified immunity imposes a particularly high barrier to recovery in excessive force cases when combined with the fact-specific nature of the “objective reasonableness” test applied by the courts. Nonetheless, this legislation in no sense constitutes a ratification of qualified immunity in other contexts. The Committee shares the widespread concerns that have been raised regarding the doctrine, including its lack of foundation in the text of Section 1983 and the obstacles it presents to victims whose constitutional rights have been violated. In the future, the Committee may consider legislation to eliminate qualified immunity in cases against other types of officials, including by taking into account the nature of the officials’ duties and the types of constitutional claims likely to arise. In addition, because qualified immunity reflects a judge-made doctrine and is not rooted in legislative text, the Supreme Court maintains ample authority to revise or eliminate it.

⁷⁸The “good faith” defense reflects an earlier iteration of qualified immunity doctrine in which the courts assessed whether the defendant subjectively believed his or her conduct was lawful. See, e.g., *Wood v. Strickland*, 420 U.S. 308 (1975).

⁷⁹403 U.S. 388.

⁸⁰Joanna C. Schwartz, *Police Indemnification*, 89 N.Y.U. L. REV. 885 (2014).

⁸¹*Graham*, 490 U.S. at 397.

4. *Independent Investigations, Departmental Discipline, and Civilian Oversight*

H.R. 7120 ensures independent investigations of police uses of force and independent civilian oversight of police departments. Police departments use internal disciplinary processes to sanction officers whose application of force deviates from departmental policies and procedures. Penalties can range from loss of leave to termination. Each state legislature has passed a set of administrative rules, typically called a “Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights (LEOBR)” that govern departmental disciplinary procedures. One key and controversial provision typically included in a LEOBR is the “cooling off” period, in which departmental investigators are prohibited from interviewing officers that have fatally applied force for a pre-determined period of time (typically 2–10 days) following the incident. The purpose of this provision is to allow for the psychological trauma typically involved in a fatal application of force to recede prior to compelling the officer to recount the events of the incident in detail.

Additionally, many police departments enter into contracts with police unions that allow officers that have engaged in serious or repeated misconduct to remain on the force, or transfer to other police forces. For example, 43 cities and 4 states erase records of misconduct making it difficult to discipline repeat offenders, or track officers with a propensity for misconduct if they switch departments.⁸² One high profile example of how this failure ended in fatal consequences was when former Chicago Police Officer Jason Van Dyke, who had 20 complaints—half of which concerned use of force—fired 16 shots at Laquan McDonald, killing him.⁸³ Van Dyke was never disciplined or flagged as a potential problem and was later convicted of second degree murder for killing McDonald.

Critics argue that departmental disciplinary processes serve to protect officers from true accountability. For example, a study of the CPD showed that it sustained only 15 excessive force complaints out of 5,357 filed between 2002 and 2004.⁸⁴ Additionally, a June 2019 NYPD Inspector General report showed that the NYPD failed to sustain any of the 2,495 complaints of racially biased policing made between 2014 and 2018.⁸⁵

Many state and local law enforcement agencies have authorized civilian oversight over police departments. The idea behind civilian review is to provide a level of oversight and deterrence, separate and independent of the police departments, that carries legitimacy within the community. Typically, civilian oversight bodies use an adversarial fact-finding process to investigate individual claims of police misconduct.⁸⁶ They are also authorized to investigate patterns of police misconduct, engage in community outreach, and rec-

⁸² See *Police Union Contract Project*, CHECKTHEPOLICE.ORG, <https://www.checkthepolice.org> (last accessed May 29, 2020).

⁸³ See Stephen Rushin, *Police Union Contracts*, 66 DUKE L.J. 1191, 1195, n. 14 (2017).

⁸⁴ Craig B. Futterman, H. Melissa Mather, and Melanie Miles, *The Use of Statistical Evidence to Address Police Supervisory and Disciplinary Practices: The Chicago Police Department's Broken System*, 1 DEPAUL J. FOR SOC. JUST., 251, 267 (Table 1) (2008).

⁸⁵ N.Y. DEPT OF INVESTIGATION, COMPLAINTS OF BIASED POLICING IN NEW YORK CITY 2 (2019).

⁸⁶ Nathan Witkin, *The Police-Community Partnership: Civilian Oversight As An Evaluation Tool for Community Policing*, 18 Scholar: St. Mary's L. Rev. & Soc. Just. 181, 187 (2016).

commend policy reforms.⁸⁷ Critics of civilian oversight bodies point out that they often lack investigative resources and expertise, and the power to independently sanction police officers who are found responsible for engaging in misconduct.⁸⁸ In the typical model, although the civilian oversight body can recommend a sanction, any actual punishment is determined by the department.⁸⁹

To address some of the concerns about the limitations of departmental disciplinary mechanisms and civilian oversight, including concern about police officers who have repeatedly engaged in misconduct being permitted to continue serving as officers, H.R. 7120 creates a grant program for state attorneys general to establish independent investigation processes for uses of deadly force by law enforcement officers, to address concerns about the lack of such independence in department-led investigations.⁹⁰ Both the President's Task Force and the USCCR recommended such an independent investigation process for police misconduct.⁹¹

The bill also establishes a national police misconduct registry that would allow members of the public and law enforcement agencies to know about a particular officer's history of misconduct complaints, the officer's discipline or termination records, and records of lawsuits or settlements involving the officer and require agencies to certify hiring eligibility for law enforcement officers who change departments.⁹² As Dr. Phillip Goff, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Policing Equity, testified, a national police misconduct registry is a reform that will increase transparency and the public's trust in law enforcement agencies. Doctors and lawyers, along with many other professions, are required to be licensed and their employment data are shared across state lines by appropriate entities. Why should a police officer who has been terminated for cause be able to move to another state or jurisdiction without undergoing an appropriate background check? The creation of a national clearinghouse with a list of those officers who have been terminated will empower state and local governments to decide what standards they want to set for officer conduct and character. Without it, many law enforcement agencies simply do not have the capacity to determine whether or not an officer was fired prior to seeking employment—and many, therefore, do not.⁹³

The bill also requires the Attorney General to conduct a study of the impact that any law, rule, or procedure that allows law enforcement officers to unreasonably delay answering questions from investigators of their misconduct.⁹⁴ This provision will help guide future efforts to address unreasonable or arbitrary delays by officers accused of misconduct in responding to investigators' inquiries.

B. Data Collection Measures

H.R. 7120 addresses the concern raised by the 2018 USCCR report and amplified by the testimony of several witnesses before the Committee on the need for robust data collection on police-commu-

⁸⁷*Id.* at 187.

⁸⁸*See id.* at 188–193.

⁸⁹*See id.* at 192.

⁹⁰H.R. 7210, § 104.

⁹¹USCCR Report at 5; The President's Task Force at 16.

⁹²H.R. 7120, §§ 201, 202.

⁹³Goff Testimony at 4.

⁹⁴H.R. 7120, § 115.

nity encounters and that a lack of comprehensive, publicly-available data about police use of force sharpens mistrust of the police in minority communities.⁹⁵ As the USCCR found, accurate and comprehensive data regarding police uses of force is generally not available to police departments or the American public, no comprehensive national database exists that captures rates of police use of force, and the lack of data on use of force is exacerbated by the absence of mandatory federal reporting and standardized reporting guidelines.⁹⁶ Similarly, the President’s Task Force had recommended the collection and public availability of demographic data concerning police interactions with the public.⁹⁷

The task of collecting data regarding the scope of excessive, but non-fatal, applications of force is made more complicated by the use of “cover charges” or arrests lacking in legal justification, to serve as a pretext for officers to apply excessive force or engage in other misconduct.⁹⁸ These offenses, often charged alone or in combination with other low-level charges, include battery, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and failure to obey a lawful order. In some instances, the cover charges arise from traffic stops or other minor encounters that escalate when an officer feels disrespected. This abusive conduct deters victims from reporting instances of excessive force or other misconduct and undermines investigations into misconduct.⁹⁹

For example, research indicates the widespread use of cover charges to hide instances in which police applied excessive force in Chicago. Since 2004, 66% of reported CPD force applications resulted in the victim being arrested for aggravated assault against a police officer, aggravated battery against a police officer, or resisting arrest.¹⁰⁰ Between 2012 and September 2016, Chicago police made more than 1,300 arrests where the only charge was resisting arrest, and more than half of these cases were ultimately dismissed; the absence of an underlying offense raises red flags as to the legitimacy of the officer’s decision to use force.¹⁰¹ The burden then falls on the victim to determine how to use their limited time and resources; the options include defending the criminal charges, pleading guilty, hoping for diversion or dismissal by the prosecution, or filing an excessive force complaint. The evidence indicates that cover charge arrests cause direct and significant harm to those arrested, impact communities of color disproportionately, and exac-

⁹⁵ USCCR Report at 4; Acevedo Testimony at 5 (“robust data collection and analysis can help inform decision-making and identify problems”); Davis at 6 (emphasizing the need to require “robust data collection on police community encounters and law enforcement activities” that should capture all demographic categories and be disaggregated); Gupta Testimony at 5 (highlighting importance of disaggregated data and emphasizing that this data “allows communities and departments to analyze the effects of policies and practices, and to change and advocate against them if they are ineffective or disproportionately affect particular communities or groups”).

⁹⁶ USCCR Report at 4.

⁹⁷ The President’s Task Force at 16.

⁹⁸ See Jonah Newman, Chicago police use “cover charges” to justify excessive force, CHICAGO REPORTER, Oct. 23, 2018, <https://www.chicagoreporter.com/chicago-police-use-cover-charges-to-justify-excessive-force/>.

⁹⁹ See *id.*

¹⁰⁰ See *id.*

¹⁰¹ See *id.*

erbate tensions between those communities and law enforcement.¹⁰²

H.R. 7120 addresses the concern about the lack of adequate and consistent data collection regarding police conduct by requiring the Attorney General to collect data on use of force incidents from state and local law enforcement entities, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, housing status, English language proficiency, and gender.¹⁰³ The reports from state and local agencies to the Attorney General must also include the date, time and location of the incident; whether the civilian was armed; the reason force was used; and a description of any injuries.¹⁰⁴ This information is to be made available to the public.¹⁰⁵

C. Pre-Incident Measures To Reduce Risk of Violent Police-Citizen Encounters

1. Use of Force Standards

H.R. 7120 establishes a uniform use-of-force standard for federal officers and conditions grants for state and local law enforcement agencies on their following those same use-of-force standards.¹⁰⁶ In terms of the substance of these standards, the bill requires that federal officers use deadly force only as a last resort to prevent imminent and serious bodily injury and requires officers to employ de-escalation techniques.¹⁰⁷ The standard would also allow federal officers to use less lethal force only if necessary and proportional to effectuate an arrest.¹⁰⁸

Law enforcement agencies generally have a set of directives or “general orders” that govern how they deliver services to the public, including the circumstances under which officers are authorized to use force. The standards provide officers with the tools they need to protect themselves and the public during encounters that are often emotionally charged and rapidly evolving. For example, the policy of the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington D.C., as expressed in its general orders, is to “value and preserve human life when using lawful authority to use force.”¹⁰⁹ The policy provides guidance on when deadly force is authorized, provides a continuum for the level of non-deadly force appropriate for given situations, requires the provision of prompt medical attention to any injured subject, and requires notification and reporting for all applications of force involving injury.¹¹⁰

Such standards on use of force, however, vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction in substance or in the manner of application. Testifying in support of H.R. 7120’s uniform use-of-force standards, Professor Paul Butler of Georgetown University Law Center noted, “There are 18,000 different police departments in the United States, and the problem is that right now there are 18,000 different

¹⁰² See generally, Christy E. Lopez, *Disorderly (mis) Conduct: The Problem with “Contempt of Cop” Arrests*, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY FOR LAW AND POLICY, available at http://liveacs.law.panthednsite.io/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Lopez_Contempt_of_Cop.pdf.

¹⁰³ H.R. 7120, § 223.

¹⁰⁴ *Id.*

¹⁰⁵ *Id.*

¹⁰⁶ H.R. 7120, § 364.

¹⁰⁷ *Id.*

¹⁰⁸ *Id.*

¹⁰⁹ D.C. METRO. POLICE DEP’T., Gen. Order GO–RAR–901.07 at 2, available at https://go.mpdconline.com/GO/GO_901_07.pdf.

¹¹⁰ See *id.*

ways of policing. To establish accountability and transparency among the men and women who are licensed to kill, basic standards must be imposed.”¹¹¹ Several other witnesses also testified in support of the bill’s use-of-force standards.¹¹²

2. Accreditation

Law enforcement accreditation entities institutionalize best practices in the delivery of public safety services by establishing a professionalized set of policing standards, developed by public safety practitioners and other experts, that address core issues impacting community confidence while supporting police as an institution.¹¹³ To maintain accreditation, law enforcement agencies voluntarily demonstrate that they meet the established standards. Accredited agencies must develop comprehensive, uniform directives linked to the accreditation standards, which are reinforced on an ongoing basis through data collection, onsite observation, agency reporting, community input, and public commission hearings.¹¹⁴ Accreditation demonstrates a law enforcement agency’s commitment to safety and professionalism which strengthens the agency’s reputation in and relationship with the community. It also promotes a culture of compliance and accountability within the agency which, in turn, reduces its exposure to liability.¹¹⁵ H.R. 7120 adopts this approach, in part, by requiring the Attorney General to create law enforcement accreditation standards based on recommendations by the President’s Task Force.¹¹⁶

3. *Training to End Racial Profiling and To Reduce Risk of Violent Interactions Between Police and Racial and Other Minorities*

H.R. 7120 creates several new training programs to reduce the risk of violent interactions between law enforcement officers and members of minority communities. Federal studies examining racial inequality dating back to the 1940s and 1960s cited inadequacies in officer training and professionalism as a contributing factor to disproportionate police violence against minorities and increased racial tensions.¹¹⁷ More recently, the President’s Task Force report made several detailed recommendations for improving police officer standards and training (POST) and reducing police violence against minorities. The 2015 report overall emphasized that POSTs should include “develop[ing] specialized knowledge and understanding that enable fair and procedurally just policing.”¹¹⁸ The 2015 report also noted that while “[t]actical skills are important” developing

¹¹¹ Butler Testimony at 4–5.

¹¹² Crump Testimony at 1 (stating that police officers should “only use the level of force needed based on the level of threat actually posed by the circumstances); Davis Testimony at 6, 9 (stating NOBLE’s support for bill’s use of force provision); Gupta Testimony at 4 (stating support for bill’s use of force provision).

¹¹³ *Policing Strategies for the 21st Century: Hearing Before the H. Comm. On the Judiciary, 114th Cong. 12–13* (2015) (testimony of W. Craig Hartley, Jr. Executive Director, Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies).

¹¹⁴ See *id.* at 12.

¹¹⁵ Matt Kenyon, Benefits of Police Accreditation, POWERDMS, Aug. 13, 2018, available at <https://www.powerdms.com/blog/benefits-of-police-accreditation/>.

¹¹⁶ H.R. 7120, § 113.

¹¹⁷ See Kerner Commission Report at 15 (suggesting that police departments “develop and adopt policy guidelines to assist officers in making critical decisions in cases where police conduct can create tension”); 1947 Report at 157 (recommending that “police training programs . . . should be oriented so as to indoctrinate officers with an awareness of civil rights problems).

¹¹⁸ The President’s Task Force at 52.

law enforcement officers’ “attitude, tolerance, and interpersonal skills are equally” necessary to improved policing in minority communities.¹¹⁹ The 2018 USCCR report similarly recommended that “[t]he Department of Justice should robustly support local efforts to develop and institute constitutional policing practices.”¹²⁰

The Committee also heard witness testimony at its June 10, 2020 oversight hearing on policing practices that echoed the 2015 and 2018 reports’ recommendations that law enforcement officer training also include programs on racial and implicit bias and racial profiling as a means of improving policing in minority communities. Professor Paul Butler stated, “[t]oo often police work seems to enforce the dehumanization of people of color. Understanding the history and reality of racism in the United States will make our men and women in blue more effective police officers.”¹²¹ LCCHR President Vanita Gupta recommended prohibiting racial profiling and the promotion of training programs that emphasize “[t]he equal treatment of all people, regardless of background, class, or characteristic” in order “to prevent and hold officers accountable for discriminatory policing and reduce and mitigate its disparate impact on marginalized communities.”¹²²

The legislation also supports the creation of training programs intended to address the inadequacies in law enforcement training and tactics that these studies have suggested factor into the disproportionate rate of police violence against racial minorities and other marginalized groups. Section 114 of H.R. 7120 authorizes the use of grant funding to support local law enforcement in developing policing best practices in areas including effective management, training, hiring, and oversight standards and programs to promote effective community and problem-solving strategies for law enforcement agencies.¹²³ To that end, section 114 also authorizes the development of pilot programs designed to implement policies, practices, and procedures addressing training and instruction to comply with accreditation standards in areas including: the use of force, and de-escalation tactics and techniques; investigation of officer misconduct and practices and procedures for referring to prosecuting authorities allegations of use of excessive force or racial profiling; interactions with youth, individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited English proficiency, and multi-cultural communities; and community relations and bias awareness.¹²⁴ This section also authorizes grants for pilot programs to develop policies, procedures, and practices for the recruitment, hiring, retention, and promotion of diverse law enforcement officers.¹²⁵

Section 334 authorizes the use of grant funding to support local law enforcement in the development and implementation of best practices for training to prevent racial profiling and to encourage more respectful interaction with the public.¹²⁶ Section 361 requires the Attorney General to establish a training program for law enforcement officers to cover racial profiling, implicit bias, and proce-

¹¹⁹ *Id.*

¹²⁰ USCCR Report at 4.

¹²¹ Butler Testimony at 5.

¹²² Gupta Testimony at 4–5.

¹²³ H.R. 7120, § 114.

¹²⁴ *Id.*

¹²⁵ *Id.*

¹²⁶ H.R. 7120, § 334.

dural justice.¹²⁷ It also requires the Attorney General to establish a clear duty for Federal law enforcement officers to intervene in cases where another law enforcement officer is using excessive force against a civilian, and to establish a training program that cover the duty to intervene.¹²⁸

4. *Ban on Chokeholds and Carotid Holds*

In response to the cases of George Floyd, Eric Garner, and others, H.R. 7120 incentivizes state and local law enforcement agencies to ban the use of chokeholds and carotid holds.¹²⁹ It also defines a chokehold as a “punishment, pain, or penalty” for purposes of 18 U.S.C. § 242, the federal civil rights criminal statute discussed earlier in this report.¹³⁰ This definition makes chokeholds and carotid holds a federal civil rights crime under Section 242. Testifying in support of this provision, Vanita Gupta of LCCHR stated “Chokeholds are inherently dangerous, as we have seen in the horrific deaths of George Floyd and Eric Garner before. Recognizing the inherent danger of chokeholds and the threat they pose to human life, police departments in cities such as New York, Atlanta, and Miami prohibit them.”¹³¹ Other witnesses also testified in support of the bill’s ban on chokeholds and similar maneuvers.¹³²

5. *Ban on No-Knock Warrants in Drug Cases*

In response to the serious risk to lives that the use of no-knock warrants presents, as demonstrated by the tragic circumstances of Breonna Taylor’s death, Section 362 of H.R. 7120 bans no-knock warrants in drug cases at the federal level and conditions law enforcement funding for state and local law enforcement agencies on prohibition of the use of no-knock warrants in drug cases.¹³³ “No-knock” raids are a pernicious exception to the Fourth Amendment “knock and announce” rule that permits law enforcement officers to enter a residence without knocking or otherwise announcing their presence. In the course of securing a no knock warrant, law enforcement agencies must show that providing notice may be dangerous, futile, or result in the destruction of evidence.

During the George W. Bush Administration in 2002, the DOJ recognized that “although officers need not take affirmative steps to make an independent re-verification of the circumstances already recognized by a magistrate in issuing a no-knock warrant, such a warrant does not entitle officers to disregard reliable information clearly negating the existence of exigent circumstances when they actually receive such information before execution of the warrant.”¹³⁴

Over the course of the last few decades, the use of “no knock” warrants, which are primarily used in drug investigations, and typically justified by the belief that offenders will destroy drugs,

¹²⁷ H.R. 7120, § 361.

¹²⁸ *Id.*

¹²⁹ H.R. 7120, § 363(b).

¹³⁰ *Id.* § 363(c).

¹³¹ Gupta Testimony at 5.

¹³² Crump Testimony at 1; Davis Testimony at 6, 8; Goff Testimony at 2.

¹³³ H.R. 7120, § 362.

¹³⁴ Patrick F. Philbin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel, *Authority of Federal Judges and Magistrates to Issue “No-Knock” Warrants*, (Jun. 12, 2002), available at https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/olc/opinions/2002/06/31/op-olc-v026-p0044_0.pdf.

have become more frequent, and these raids occur at an alarming rate in the U.S. every year. In the early 1980s, approximately 1,500 no-knock warrants were executed annually, and by 2010, about 45,000 such warrants were executed.¹³⁵ There exists, however, an increased risk of death or injury to children, bystanders, or others caught in the crossfire during these volatile execution of no-knock warrants. Between 2010 and 2016, at least 81 civilians and 13 law enforcement officers died as a result of executing no-knock warrants in drug cases.¹³⁶

As Ms. Gupta stated in her testimony in support of the bill’s ban on no-knock warrants,

No-knock warrants are inherently dangerous and have not proven to be more effective than search warrants that preserve the Fourth Amendment rule of knock-and-announce. When police burst into people’s houses, unannounced, occupants are more likely to use weapons to try to defend themselves—endangering both the public and officers. We saw this exact scenario play out with Breonna Taylor’s death. Furthermore, the increased risk of death or injury to children, bystanders, or others caught in the crossfire counsels against the use of no-knock warrants. Indeed, two states already outlaw no-knock warrants. Congress should likewise pass legislation prohibiting their use.¹³⁷

6. Limit Transfers of Military Equipment for Police

a. Background on 1033 Program

Over the past ten years, the deployment by law enforcement of second-hand military equipment has become a fixture at protests throughout the United States. Following the 2014 protests in Ferguson, MO, law enforcement acquisition and use of military vehicles and firearms, through a program frequently referred to as the “1033 Program,” came under increased scrutiny.¹³⁸ The use of surplus military equipment at recent protests has again refocused Congressional interest in oversight over the program.

The 1033 Program authorizes law enforcement agencies to receive surplus military property from the Department of Defense (DoD). Within DoD, the Defense Logistics Agency’s (DLA) Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) administers the Program and facilitates law enforcement agencies’ receipt of excess military equipment. Currently, every state in the United States participates in the program, in addition to the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Additionally, a number of federal agencies and Indian tribes also receive excess equipment. As of 2016, 6,536 law enforcement agencies participated in the program.¹³⁹ From 1991 to 2017, DoD reported that it transferred over \$7 billion-worth of its excess controlled and non-

¹³⁵ Eric Foster, *Death and heartbreak caused by ‘no-knock’ warrants are impossible to justify*, (Jun 17, 2020), available at <https://www.cleveland.com/opinion/2020/06/death-and-heartbreak-caused-by-no-knock-warrants-are-impossible-to-justify-eric-foster.html>.

¹³⁶ *Id.*

¹³⁷ Gupta Testimony at 5–6.

¹³⁸ See 10 U.S.C. §2576a (2018). The reference to “1033” is to Section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997, the provision that granted permanent authority to the Secretary of Defense to transfer defense material to federal and state law enforcement agencies. Daniel H. Else, *The “1033” Program, Department of Defense Support to Law Enforcement*, Congressional Research Service Report to Congress 2, R43701 (Aug. 28, 2014).

¹³⁹ U.S. Gov. Accountability Office, DOD Excess Property (GAO–17–532), 8, Jul. 2017, available at <https://www.gao.gov/assets/690/685916.pdf> [hereinafter “GAO Report”].

controlled personal property to more than 8,600 federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.¹⁴⁰ Participants in the 1033 Program may choose to receive a diverse set of equipment, from uniforms, boots, and personal protective gear to weapons, ammunition, armored personnel carriers, and aircraft.¹⁴¹

b. Regulation of the 1033 Program

Since its inception, the 1033 Program has been subject to intense oversight on account of the DoD's excessively lax administration of the Program.¹⁴² Following the Ferguson protests, President Obama issued Executive Order 13688, which aimed to rein in law enforcement's use of military equipment.¹⁴³ In Executive Order 13688, President Obama directed an interagency group to develop guidelines that would impose "limitations or affirmative obligations imposed on the acquisition of controlled equipment or receipt of funds to purchase controlled equipment."¹⁴⁴

In 2015, the Law Enforcement Equipment Working Group convened pursuant to Executive Order 13688 issued a report that, among other recommendations, obliged Executive agencies to carry out reviews of compliance with "financial and programmatic obligations and adherence to civil rights statutes and requirements" by 1033 Program recipients.¹⁴⁵ Additionally, the report encouraged Executive agencies to consider whether a 1033 Program recipient had been found to be in violation of a federal civil rights statute or programmatic term during the previous three years when considering future provision of federal property. Two years later, the President's Task Force echoed the concern with misuse or abuse of controlled equipment, like that issued through the 1033 Program, and recommended compliance with civil rights requirements resulting from receipt of federal financial assistance.

In July 2017, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a report that reviewed the 1033 Program, with a specific focus on accountability of controlled items and DoD's administration of the Program. As part of their review, the GAO posed as a law enforcement agency and applied for controlled items through the 1033 Program. GAO employees, who represented that they were representatives of the created law enforcement agency were about to obtain "over 100 controlled items with an estimated value of \$1.2 million, including nightvision goggles, simulated rifles, and simulated pipe bombs, which could be potentially lethal items if modi-

¹⁴⁰ Brian Barrett, *The Pentagon's Hand-Me-Downs Helped Militarize Police. Here's How*, Wired, Jun. 6, 2020, <https://www.wired.com/story/pentagon-hand-me-downs-militarize-police-1033-program/>.

¹⁴¹ By example, in 2014, Kentucky received generators, assault weapons, and socks. See Jonathan Meador, *Kentucky Police Get Guns, Aircraft and Socks from Military Surplus Program*, 89.3 WFPL News Louisville, Aug. 27, 2014, available at <https://wfpl.org/kentucky-police-get-guns-aircraft-and-socks-from-military-surplus-program/>.

¹⁴² See DoD, DLA Office of the Inspector General, *Audit of Law Enforcement Support Office Program Oversight*, DLA OIG FY14-02 (Nov. 21, 2013); DLA Office of the Inspector General, *Follow-up Audit of the Law Enforcement Support Office*, DAO-12-26 (Apr. 4, 2013); DLA Accountability Office, *Audit of Law Enforcement Support Office, Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service*, DAO-09-01 (Mar. 1, 2010); and Office of the Inspector General, *Logistics: Law Enforcement Support Office Excess Property Program*, D-2003-101 (June 13, 2003).

¹⁴³ Exec. Order No. 13688, *Federal Support for Local Law Enforcement Equipment Acquisition*, 80 C.F.R. 3451 (2015).

¹⁴⁴ *Id.*

¹⁴⁵ Law Enforcement Equipment Working Group, *Recommendations Pursuant to Executive Order 13688: Federal Support for Local Law Enforcement Equipment Acquisition*, May 2015, https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/docs/le_equipment_wg_final_report_final.pdf.

fied with commercially available items.”¹⁴⁶ Not surprisingly, the GAO’s testing identified that DLA has deficiencies in its processes for verification and approval of federal law enforcement agency applications and in the transfer of controlled property. The GAO also found that DoD had not conducted a fraud risk assessment and lacked internal controls that could prevent, detect, and respond to potential fraud and minimize associated security risks. On August 28, 2017, President Donald J. Trump revoked Executive Order 13688 and lifted many of the accountability measures that were instituted on account of President Obama’s order.

In light of the foregoing, H.R. 7120 limits transfers under the 1033 Program from the U.S. military to federal and state law enforcement agencies. Despite the opposition from members of the Minority to this provision, there is good reason to restrict transfers of firearms and military-grade equipment. The record of mismanagement of the 1033 program is well-documented, as outlined above. The GAO found poor management by DoD over the transfer of controlled items, such as firearms. Furthermore, contrary to what the Minority asserts, the bill’s language does not prohibit the transfer of items that are not made for military use, such as office supplies and clothing. These items make up the overwhelming majority of items transferred through the 1033 program. The bill simply prohibits the transfer of military vehicles, firearms, and surveillance equipment.

The Minority’s attempt to allow transfer of military equipment for use in border control and enforcement was also misguided. The Congress already provides hundreds of millions of dollars for border enforcement. Studies suggest that agencies that receive such equipment see no measurable improvement in officer safety or crime rates, and, rather, there is a correlation with higher rates of officer-involved shootings and reduced public trust. There’s no evidence that additional military-grade equipment will improve border security. This alone serves as justification for the transfer limitations in the bill. Sending additional military equipment for use in border enforcement also further militarizes the Canadian and Mexican borders, communities where tens of millions of Americans live.

7. Body Cameras and Limits on Facial Recognition Technology

a. Law Enforcement and Body Cameras

Over the past several years, body cameras have come to be regarded as a key police accountability tool. A 2015 poll found that 88 percent of Americans supported the use of body cameras by law enforcement.¹⁴⁷ Beginning in 2015, the DOJ under the Obama Administration began awarding grants to local law enforcement agencies to aid in financing the initial purchase of body cameras.¹⁴⁸ In 2016, DOJ surveys found that 95 percent of law enforcement agen-

¹⁴⁶ GAO Report.

¹⁴⁷ Peter Moore, *Overwhelming support for police body cameras*, YouGov.Com, May 7, 2015 available at <https://today.yougov.com/topics/politics/articles-reports/2015/05/07/body-cams>.

¹⁴⁸ Kimberly Kindy, *Some U.S. police departments dump body-camera programs amid high costs*, Wash. Post, Jan. 21, 2019.

cies in large cities had already launched or planned to launch body camera programs in the future.¹⁴⁹

Although the adoption of body camera programs by law enforcement agencies appears to be growing—if not widespread among major law enforcement agencies—there are no uniform standards with respect to protocols for the use of body cameras that balance law enforcement needs with personal privacy interests, as well as the processing and retention of data. Similarly, some small and medium-sized law enforcement departments are reportedly ending their body camera programs due to the costs associated with the retention and processing of body camera footage.¹⁵⁰

H.R. 7120 addresses these issues by requiring federal uniformed police officers to wear body cameras and to have dashboard cameras in marked federal patrol vehicles, setting forth rules governing retention and dissemination of footage and describing ways in which footage can be used to investigate misconduct or as evidence in criminal proceedings.¹⁵¹ With respect to state and local law enforcement, the bill requires that they use existing federal funds to ensure the use of body cameras by officers and requires grant recipients to establish policies and procedures for safe use of such cameras.¹⁵² Specifically, it authorizes DOJ to award grants and to provide technical assistance related to body camera programs, and to condition such awards on the adoption of uniform standards described in the legislation.¹⁵³ The grant program is also intended to ensure that small and medium-sized law enforcement agencies are able to acquire funding to maintain their body-camera programs.

b. Facial Recognition Technology

Facial recognition systems use computer algorithms to pick out specific details about a person’s face, such as the distance between the eyes or the shape of a chin, and converts these details into a mathematical representation.¹⁵⁴ This information is then compared to data on faces already collected in the facial recognition database.¹⁵⁵ Facial recognition technology can identify people in photos, videos, or in real-time. Face recognition has been used in airports, at border crossings, and during events such as the Super Bowl.¹⁵⁶

i. Federal Government Use of Facial Recognition Technology

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) mainly uses two types of facial recognition software, Next General Identification–Interstate Photo System (NGI–ISP) and Facial Analysis, Comparison and Evaluation (FACE) Services. The NGI–ISP database contains

¹⁴⁹P.R. Lockhart, *Why some police departments are dropping their body camera programs*, Vox, Jan. 25, 2019 available at <https://www.vox.com/2019/1/24/18196097/police-body-cameras-storage-cost-washington-post>.

¹⁵⁰*Id.*

¹⁵¹H.R. 7120, §§ 371–373, 375–377.

¹⁵²H.R. 7120, §§ 381–382.

¹⁵³*Id.*

¹⁵⁴Jennifer Lynch, *Face Off: Law Enforcement Use of Facial Recognition Technology*, Electronic Frontier Foundation, 4–5 (2019), available at, <https://www.eff.org/wp/law-enforcement-use-face-recognition>.

¹⁵⁵*Id.* at 5.

¹⁵⁶Niraj Chokshi, *Facial Recognition’s Many Controversies: From Stadium Surveillance to Racist Software*, N. Y. Times, May 1, 2019 (noting that the city of Tampa, Florida, used facial recognition software during the 2001 Superbowl and identified 19 people with outstanding warrants). See also Franchesca Street, *How Facial Recognition is Taking Over Airports*, CNN Oct. 8, 2019 (noting that some airlines are using a facial scan instead of boarding passes).

over 30 million face recognition records pulled from state criminal sources, such as mug shots, and is shared with state and local governments.¹⁵⁷ In addition to the FBI, a select group of state and local agencies can also submit a request to use NGI-ISP to help them identify an unknown person during an investigation. According to the FBI, in fiscal year, NGI-ISP returned about 50,000 face recognition search results to law enforcement agencies.¹⁵⁸ The FBI also has a team of employees working in FACE Services.¹⁵⁹ Unlike NGI-ISP, FACE Services use non-criminal photos, pulled mostly from driver's license photos, passports, and visa applications. The FBI has agreements with 21 states as well as the Department of State to allow it to search its systems. The total number of photos available to FACE Services is more than 411 million.¹⁶⁰

ii. Facial Recognition's Shortcomings

The use of this technology is troubling because studies have shown that these identification systems have a high error rate when it comes to correctly identifying women and people of color.¹⁶¹ A 2019 study conducted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology on the reliability of facial recognition systems found that there was a higher rate of false positives for black people than for whites.¹⁶² The study also showed that false positives were up to 100 times more likely for black people than for white people.¹⁶³ Additionally, the rate of false positives were higher for women than men across all races.¹⁶⁴ Not surprisingly, since African Americans are more likely to be arrested (and subsequently photographed), the high propensity of false positives has a disproportionate impact on the group.¹⁶⁵

Despite the fact that the FBI has been using these recognition systems for many years, there is little transparency and oversight within the FBI regarding its facial recognition systems.¹⁶⁶ A GAO report found that the FBI had not yet conducted the necessary audits of its newest facial recognition system to ensure that the system can correctly identify individuals.¹⁶⁷ Nor has the FBI studied how states have used the information gleaned from FBI's facial recognition systems.¹⁶⁸

H.R. 7120's body-camera provisions also contain limitations on the use of facial recognition technology. Specifically, the bill prohibits the use of facial recognition technology in body cameras worn

¹⁵⁷ Memorandum from Kimberly Del Greco, Criminal Justice Info. Serv., FBI to Comm. on Oversight & Reform Staff (May 30, 2019), available at <https://oversight.house.gov/sites/democrats.oversight.house.gov/files/documents/2019.05.31.%20Hearing%20Memo%20for%20the%20Facial%20Recognition%20Technology%20%28Part%20II%29.pdf>.

¹⁵⁸ Statement of Gretta L. Goodwin, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, U.S. Gov't Accountability Office, Before the Comm. on Oversight & Reform, H. of Rep., June 4, 2010, available at <https://docs.house.gov/meetings/GO/G000/20190604/109578/HHRG-116-G000-Wstate-GoodwinG-20190604.pdf>.

¹⁵⁹ Lynch, *Face Off*, *supra* note 1, at 15.

¹⁶⁰ Government Accountability Office, *Face Recognition Technology; FBI Should Better Ensure Privacy and Accuracy* (May 2016), available at www.gao.gov/productus/GAO-16-267.

¹⁶¹ Patrick Grother Mei Ngan Kayee Hanaoka, *Face Recognition Vendor Test (FRVT) Part 3: Demographic Effects*, NIST, 2019, available at <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ir/2019/NIST.IR.8280.pdf>.

¹⁶² *See id.*

¹⁶³ *Id.*

¹⁶⁴ *Id.*

¹⁶⁵ Megan Stevenson, & Sandra Gabriel Mayson, *The Scale of Misdemeanor Justice*. 98 BOSTON UNIV. L. REV 731, 759 (2018).

¹⁶⁶ GAO, *Face Recognition Technology*; *supra* note 7.

¹⁶⁷ *Id.*

¹⁶⁸ *Id.*

by federal officers, prohibits footage from such cameras from being subjected to facial recognition technology, and imposes the same restrictions on dashboard cameras and footage.¹⁶⁹ Additionally, it prohibits states from using federal funds for expenses related to facial recognition technology.¹⁷⁰

8. *Incentivizing Public Safety Innovations*

In addition to providing program support for training and mechanisms of accountability for police misconduct, H.R. 7120 also authorizes the use of federal grant money to foster innovation in areas of public safety. The Committee recognizes that a potent mix of interconnected societal ills such as racism and poverty—which federal and state governments have failed to adequately address for decades—have long shaped law enforcement officers’ interactions with minority communities, especially in poverty-stricken communities, contributing to incidences of police violence.¹⁷¹ Societal issues like poverty, chronic homelessness, untreated substance abuse, and unaddressed mental illness, while not exclusive to communities of color, disproportionately affect them.

Several witnesses at the Committee’s June 10, 2020 hearing recommended that the federal government support efforts to develop alternative means to address public safety concerns stemming from societal problems that are too often left to law enforcement officers to manage. LCCHR President Vanita Gupta noted in her written testimony that “[m]any factors contribute to crises relating to disabilities and substance use disorders, such as inadequate social services and supports, high rates of poverty, income inequality, housing insecurity, and an ongoing opioid epidemic.”¹⁷² Yet because of the lack of investment in mental health and other social services “[m]any of these same issues are generally the basis for police encounters that often escalate to the use of force or turn deadly.”¹⁷³ NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund President Sherrilyn Ifill suggested in her testimony that “a revised vision of public safety that prioritizes social services, youth development, mental health, reentry support, and meaningful provisions for homeless individuals that strengthen community resources to proactively address underlying factors that can contribute to public safety concerns.”¹⁷⁴

To this end, Section 366 of H.R. 7120 authorizes the use of grant funding for law enforcement programs that include the development of best practices for and the creation of local task forces on public safety innovation charged with exploring and developing

¹⁶⁹ H.R. 7120, §§ 372(g), 374.

¹⁷⁰ *Id.* § 382(b).

¹⁷¹ See Kerner Commission Report; 1947 Report.

¹⁷² Gupta Testimony at 6.

¹⁷³ *Id.*; see also Goff Testimony at 4 (“Even police agree that they are ill-equipped to perform a number of services that currently fall to them. For example, underfunding of mental health resources often leaves police departments as the only state agents left to respond to serious mental health crises. No one thinks this is ideal, but often police are all communities have. Investment in community mental health resources is a logical solve for this specific problem, allow police to focus on crime reduction.”); Davis Testimony at 11 (suggesting that policymakers “stop the over-reliance of police to address social issues” and develop community reinvestment strategies).

¹⁷⁴ Ifill Testimony at 7–8.

new strategies for public safety, including non-law enforcement strategies.¹⁷⁵

D. Criminalizing Conspiracy To Engage in Lynching

Title IV of H.R. 7120 is the “Emmett Till Justice for Victims of Lurching Act,” which would make it a federal crime to conspire to engage in a number of hate crimes, including lynching.¹⁷⁶ This legislation has already passed the House and the Senate, but for parliamentary reasons, it must be passed by both chambers again. It is appropriate that it be added to this legislation because it would have addressed a number of the recent incidents outlined earlier in this report. For instance, the killing of Ahmaud Arbery by two white civilians appears to have been the kind of racially-motivated act of vigilantism that would have been punishable under this Act.

E. Alternative Proposals Offered By President Trump and Senator Scott Are Insufficient

While the Committee appreciates the fact that both President Trump and Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) have attempted to engage the conversation over policing reform by offering their own proposals, it is the Committee’s view that these proposals fall far short of what is necessary to effect meaningful improvements with respect to police misconduct and the reduction of police-community tensions. To be sure, there are some points of commonality among all three proposals. For example, President Trump’s Executive Order, issued on June 16, 2020, would, like H.R. 7120, establish a national police misconduct registry and require the Attorney General to certify law enforcement accreditation agencies, and all three proposals would make conspiracy to engage in lynching a federal crime.

The proposals offered by President Trump and Senator Scott, however, are completely missing many significant law enforcement accountability and reform measures that are contained in H.R. 7120 or otherwise take too narrow an approach compared to H.R. 7120, falling far short of the comprehensive steps needed for meaningful change. For example, neither the Executive Order nor Senator Scott’s bill: ban no-knock warrants, ban racial profiling by law enforcement, ban chokeholds without exception, have use of force standards that prohibit the use of deadly force by law enforcement except as a last resort, abolish qualified immunity, enhance “pattern or practice” enforcement authority under 34 U.S.C. § 12601, and do not modify the overly burdensome mens rea requirement in 18 U.S.C. § 242.

Key Distinctions between H.R. 7120, the Scott Bill, and the Executive Order

- *No-Knock Warrants*—While H.R. 7120 bans “no knock” warrants in drug cases at the federal level and conditions funding for state and local law enforcement agencies on prohibiting their use; Senator Scott’s legislation merely requires states to compile data for use of such no-knock warrants and President Trump’s Executive Order completely ignores the

¹⁷⁵ H.R. 7120, § 366.

¹⁷⁶ H.R. 7120, §§ 401–402.

problem, which has cost many lives, including most recently Breonna Taylor in Louisville.

- *Chokeholds*—In light of the tragic deaths of George Floyd, Eric Garner and others, H.R. 7120 bans chokeholds and carotid holds at the federal level and conditions law enforcement funding for state and local law enforcement agencies on prohibiting their use. By contrast, Senator Scott’s bill has no federal ban and merely encourages chokehold bans, and even that is limited where “deadly force [is] authorized” and the President’s Executive Order simply seeks standards that take the use of chokeholds into account, also with the exception of cases where “the use of deadly force is authorized by law.”

- *Racial Profiling*—H.R. 7120 contains the first ever outright ban on racial and religious profiling and mandates that law enforcement entities provide training on racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling. By contrast Senator Scott’s bill does not include any outright ban and merely seeks to study and develop best practices on profiling and the Executive Order ignores this important issue.

- *Public Grants to Reimagine Community Policing*—This much-needed program to reimagine policing in the wake of all too many cases of violence and death involving police misconduct is included in H.R. 7120, but ignored in the Scott legislation and the President’s Executive Order.

- *Criminal Intent Standard*—While H.R. 7120 modifies the criminal intent or *mens rea* standard to provide for accountability in cases of knowing or reckless misconduct, Senator Scott’s legislation and President Trump’s recent Executive Order would leave the status quo in place.

- *Qualified Immunity in Civil Cases*—While H.R. 7120 eliminates the dubious and controversial court-made doctrine of qualified immunity in civil cases which have made it nearly impossible for many victims to obtain recourse, Senator Scott’s legislation and President Trump’s Executive Order leave the doctrine in place.

- *Pattern and Practice Investigations*—While H.R. 7120 strengthens pattern and practice investigations at the federal level and authorizes and incentivizes state attorney general investigations, the question is ignored under Senator Scott’s legislation and President Trump’s Executive Order.

- *Independent Prosecution of Misconduct*—While H.R. 7120 incentivizes independent investigations of police misconduct by states attorneys general, Senator Scott’s bill and President Trump’s Executive Order leave in place a system that too often discourages police investigations.

- *Accreditation*—H.R. 7120 requires the Attorney General to create law enforcement accreditation standard recommendations based on President Obama’s Taskforce on 21st Century policing and creates law enforcement development programs to develop policing best practices and improve training, hiring, and retention programs. Senator Scott’s bill, however, only addresses law enforcement agency hiring and training programs by providing grant eligibility for recruiters and academy candidates, and President Trump’s Executive Order provides for

an accreditation system, though it lacks any statutory force of law.

- *Misconduct Registry*—H.R. 7120 addresses a fundamental deficiency in police hiring processes by creating a federal registry of misconduct involving federal, state and local law enforcement officers—which would help ensure officers who were fired, or left the agency due to misconduct, are not re-circulated through the hiring process in other jurisdictions—and would allow for public disclosure incidents involving use of force or racial profiling. By contrast, Senator Scott’s legislation merely provides for information sharing among agencies, and President Trump’s Executive Order is limited to the category of “deadly use of force.”

- *Deadly Force*—H.R. 7120 requires that deadly force be used by federal officers only as a last resort to prevent imminent and serious bodily injury and conditions grants on state and local law enforcement agencies doing the same while also establishing duty to intervene standards; and setting up a data collection system; while Senator Scott’s bill and the President’s Executive Order merely require states to report cases of use of force that leads to death or serious injury. Senator Scott’s bill does seek to develop a duty to intervene standard as well.

- *Transfer of Military Equipment*—H.R. 7120 limits the transfer of military-grade equipment to state and local law enforcement, while both Senator Scott’s bill and Trump’s Executive Order leave the status quo in place.

- *Body Cameras*—H.R. 7120 requires federal uniformed police officers to wear body cameras and marked federal police vehicles to have dashboard cameras and incentivizes states to do the same (so long as the dashboard cameras and body cameras do not employ facial recognition technology), while Senator Scott’s bill merely incentivizes their use at the state and local level while ignoring the concern about facial recognition technology and President Trump’s Executive Order ignores the issue entirely.

Hearings

For the purposes of section 103(i) of H. Res. 6 of the 116th Congress, the following hearing was used to consider H.R. 7120: Hearing on “Policing Practices and Law Enforcement Accountability” held before the full Committee on June 10, 2020, during which there was extensive discussion of H.R. 7120. The witnesses were Art Acevedo, Chief of the Houston Police Department and President, Major City Chiefs Association; Paul Butler, Albert Brick Professor in Law, Georgetown University Law Center; Benjamin Crump, Attorney for the Family of George Floyd; Ron Davis, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives; Philonise Floyd, Brother of George Floyd; Phillip Goff, Franklin A. Thomas Professor of Policing Equality, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and President, Center for Policing Equity; Vanita Gupta, President and Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; and Marc Morial, President, National Urban League; Daniel Bongino, Political Commentator and Former Secret Service Agent;

Darrell Scott, Pastor and Co-Founder, New Spirit Revival Center; and Angela Underwood Jacobs, Sister of Federal Protective Officer David Underwood.

Committee Consideration

On June 17, 2020, the Committee met in open session and ordered the bill, H.R. 7120, favorably reported as an amendment in the nature of a substitute, by a rollcall vote of 24 to 14, a quorum being present.

Committee Votes

In compliance with clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee advises that the following rollcall votes occurred during the Committee's consideration of H.R. 7120:

1. An amendment by Mr. Armstrong to add a section regarding audio recording of interviews conducted by certain federal law enforcement officers was defeated by a rollcall vote of 13 to 25.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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Amendment # 1 () to ANS HR 7120 offered by Rep. Armstrong

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)		✓	
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)	✓		
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)	✓		
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)			✓
Martha Roby (AL-02)			✓
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)	✓		
Tom McClintock (CA-04)	✓		
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	13	25	

2. An amendment by Mr. Resenthaler to add a section regarding findings and study regarding Antifa was defeated by a rollcall vote of 13 to 25.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

House of Representatives
116th Congress

Amendment # 2 () to ANS HR 7120 offered by Rep. Rescuenthaler

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)		✓	
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)	✓		
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)		✓	
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)	✓		
Tom McClintock (CA-04)	✓		
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Rescuenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)			
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	13	25	

3. An amendment by Mr. Gohmert to strike page 135 lines 16–35 and insert “Whoever commits murder in the commission of a kidnaping shall be punished by any term of years including life or death” was defeated by a rollcall vote of 15 to 23.

Roll Call No.

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Amendment # 3 () to ANS HRT120 offered by Rep. Gohmert

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)			
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)		✓	
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)	✓		
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)	✓		
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)	✓		
Tom McClintock (CA-04)	✓		
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	15	23	

4. An amendment by Mr. Buck to strike section 102 was defeated by a rollcall vote of 13 to 23.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

House of Representatives

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Amendment # 11 () to ANS HR 7120 offered by Rep. BUCK

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)		✓	
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)	✓		
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)	✓		
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)	✓		
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)			
Tom McClintock (CA-04)		✓	
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	13	23	

5. An amendment by Ms. Lesko to add a section regarding prohibition of autonomous zones was defeated by a rollcall vote of 12 to 23.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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Amendment # 5 () to ANS HR 7120 offered by Rep. LESKO

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)			
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)		✓	
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)			
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)		✓	
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)			
Tom McClintock (CA-04)	✓		
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	12	23	

6. An amendment by Mr. Steube to strike section 365 was defeated by a rollcall vote of 10 to 24.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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Amendment #6 () to ANS HR7120 offered by Rep. Steube

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)			
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)			
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)			
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)	✓		
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)		✓	
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)			
Tom McClintock (CA-04)		✓	
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)			
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	10	24	

7. An amendment by Mr. Gaetz to add a section regarding a study on no-knock warrants was defeated by a rollcall vote of 12 to 24.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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Amendment # 7 () to ANS HR 7120 offered by Rep. Gaetz

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)		✓	
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)			
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)	✓		
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)			
Tom McClintock (CA-04)	✓		
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	12	24	

8. An amendment by Mr. Cline to add a section on limitations on collective bargaining agreements was defeated by a rollcall vote of 12 to 23.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

House of Representatives
116th Congress

Amendment # 8 () to ANS HR 720 offered by Rep. Cline

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)			
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)			
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)	✓		
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)			
Tom McClintock (CA-04)	✓		
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)			
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	12	23	

9. An amendment by Mr. Steube to strike section 362 was defeated by a rollcall vote of 13 to 25.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

House of Representatives
116th Congress

Amendment # 9 () to ANS HR 7120 offered by Rep. Steube

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)		✓	
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)			
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)	✓		
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)	✓		
Tom McClintock (CA-04)		✓	
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	13	25	

10. An amendment by Mr. Gaetz to strike subparagraph A on page 85 and strike line 23 on page 86 was defeated by a rollcall vote of 14 to 24.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

House of Representatives

116th Congress

Amendment # 10 () to ANS HR 7120 offered by Rep. Gaetz

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)		✓	
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)			
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)	✓		
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)	✓		
Tom McClintock (CA-04)	✓		
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	14	24	

11. An amendment by Mr. Biggs to add a section regarding de-escalation tactics and techniques was defeated by a rollcall vote of 9 to 26.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
House of Representatives
116th Congress

Amendment # 11 () to ANS HR 7120 offered by Rep. Biggs

PASSED
 FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)			
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)			
Doug Collins (GA-27)			
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)		✓	
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)	✓		
Tom McClintock (CA-04)	✓		
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)		✓	
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)		✓	
Greg Steube (FL-17)			
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	9	26	

12. An amendment by Ms. Lesko to add a section on no COPS grants for jurisdictions that defund the police was defeated by a rollcall vote of 13 to 25.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

House of Representatives

116th Congress

Amendment #12 () to ANS HR7120 offered by Rep. Lesko

PASSED

FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)		✓	
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)		✓	
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)		✓	
Steve Cohen (TN-09)		✓	
Hank Johnson (GA-04)		✓	
Ted Deutch (FL-22)		✓	
Karen Bass (CA-37)		✓	
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)		✓	
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)			
David Cicilline (RI-01)		✓	
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)		✓	
Ted Lieu (CA-33)		✓	
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)		✓	
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)		✓	
Val Demings (FL-10)		✓	
Lou Correa (CA-46)		✓	
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)		✓	
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)		✓	
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)		✓	
Lucy McBath (GA-06)		✓	
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)		✓	
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)		✓	
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)		✓	
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)	✓		
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)			
Steve Chabot (OH-01)	✓		
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)			
Doug Collins (GA-27)	✓		
Ken Buck (CO-04)	✓		
Martha Roby (AL-02)		✓	
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)	✓		
Mike Johnson (LA-04)	✓		
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)	✓		
Tom McClintock (CA-04)	✓		
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)	✓		
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)	✓		
Ben Cline (VA-06)	✓		
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)	✓		
Greg Steube (FL-17)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	13	24	

13. Motion to report H.R. 7120, as amended, favorably was agreed to by a rollcall vote of 24 to 14.

Roll Call No.

Date: 6/17/20

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
House of Representatives
116th Congress

Final Passage on HR 7120

PASSED
 FAILED

	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jerrold Nadler (NY-10)	✓		
Zoe Lofgren (CA-19)	✓		
Sheila Jackson Lee (TX-18)	✓		
Steve Cohen (TN-09)	✓		
Hank Johnson (GA-04)	✓		
Ted Deutch (FL-22)	✓		
Karen Bass (CA-37)	✓		
Cedric Richmond (LA-02)	✓		
Hakeem Jeffries (NY-08)	✓		
David Cicilline (RI-01)	✓		
Eric Swalwell (CA-15)	✓		
Ted Lieu (CA-33)	✓		
Jamie Raskin (MD-08)	✓		
Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)	✓		
Val Demings (FL-10)	✓		
Lou Correa (CA-46)	✓		
Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05)	✓		
Sylvia Garcia (TX-29)	✓		
Joseph Neguse (CO-02)	✓		
Lucy McBath (GA-06)	✓		
Greg Stanton (AZ-09)	✓		
Madeleine Dean (PA-04)	✓		
Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (FL-26)	✓		
Veronica Escobar (TX-16)	✓		
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
Jim Jordan (OH-04)		✓	
James F. Sensenbrenner (WI-05)		✓	
Steve Chabot (OH-01)		✓	
Louie Gohmert (TX-01)		✓	
Doug Collins (GA-27)		✓	
Ken Buck (CO-04)		✓	
Martha Roby (AL-02)		✓	
Matt Gaetz (FL-01)		✓	
Mike Johnson (LA-04)		✓	
Andy Biggs (AZ-05)		✓	
Tom McClintock (CA-04)		✓	
Debbie Lesko (AZ-08)		✓	
Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14)		✓	
Ben Cline (VA-06)		✓	
Kelly Armstrong (ND-AL)		✓	
Greg Steube (FL-17)		✓	
	AYES	NOS	PRES.
TOTAL	24	4	

Committee Oversight Findings

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee advises that the findings and recommendations of the Committee, based on oversight activities under clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, are incorporated in the descriptive portions of this report.

New Budget Authority and Tax Expenditures and Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate

With respect to the requirements of clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and with respect to requirements of clause (3)(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has requested but not received a cost estimate for this bill from the Director of Congressional Budget Office. The Committee has requested but not received from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office a statement as to whether this bill contains any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

Duplication of Federal Programs

No provision of H.R. 7120 establishes or reauthorizes a program of the federal government known to be duplicative of another federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111–139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

Performance Goals and Objectives

The Committee states that pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H.R. 7120 would create new statutory provisions and amend existing statutes to ensure greater accountability for and transparency of law enforcement uses of force, create uniform standards, and ensure better training for law enforcement to minimize the risk of unnecessary or excessive uses of force, and study possible public safety innovations.

Advisory on Earmarks

In accordance with clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, H.R. 7120 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of rule XXI.

Section-by-Section Analysis

The following discussion describes the bill as reported by the Committee.

Section 1. Short Title; Table of Contents. Section 1 sets forth the short title “George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020” and contains the table of contents.

Section 2. Definitions. Section 2 contains the definitions used under the Act.

TITLE I—POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

SUBTITLE A—HOLDING POLICE ACCOUNTABLE IN THE COURTS

Section 101. Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law. Section 101 amends 18 U.S.C. 242, a criminal statute under which law enforcement officers can be charged for willful violation of rights under color of law. Section 101(1) changes the statute’s *mens rea* requirement from “willfully” to “knowingly or recklessly.” Section 101(2) strikes the death penalty from the sentences currently permitted under 18 U.S.C. 242. Section 101(3) adds a new sentence to the end of the statute that defines an act under 18 U.S.C. 242 to be considered to have resulted in death if the act was a substantial factor contributing to the death of the person.

Section 102. Qualified Immunity Reform. Section 102 amends 42 U.S.C. 1983, a statute that allows individuals to bring suit for harms resulting from a deprivation of a constitutional right, to prohibit law enforcement officers from asserting a defense or immunity that (1) the defendant was acting in good faith, or that the defendant believed, reasonably or otherwise, that his or her conduct was lawful at the time when the conduct was committed; or (2) the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws were not clearly established at the time of their deprivation by the defendant, or that at such time, the state of the law was otherwise such that the defendant could not reasonably have been expected to know whether his or her conduct was lawful.

Section 103. Pattern and Practice Investigations. Section 103 amends 34 U.S.C. 12601, a statute that prohibits a government authority or official from engaging in a pattern or practice of conduct that deprives persons of their constitutional rights and permits the Attorney General to file a civil action to eliminate the pattern or practice.

Section 103(a)(1) adds language making explicit the existing understanding and practice that 34 U.S.C. 12601(a) prohibits prosecutors from engaging in a pattern or practice of conduct that deprives persons of their constitutional rights.

Section 103(a)(2) amends section 34 U.S.C. 12601(b) by changing a reference to paragraph (1) to subsection (a).

Section 103(a)(3) creates new subsections (c) through (f) under 34 U.S.C. 12601:

New subsection (c) provides the Attorney General with subpoena authority to carry out pattern or practice investigations under 34 U.S.C. 12601(b).

New subsection (d) permits state attorneys general or other such official as a state may designate to bring a civil action in the appropriate federal district court to obtain appropriate equitable and declaratory relief to eliminate a pattern or practice, and grants states attorneys general or official carrying out the authority in this subsection the same subpoena authority granted to the Attorney General under new subsection (c).

New subsection (e) adds a rule of construction stating that nothing in this section may be construed to limit the authority of the

Attorney General under 34 U.S.C. 12601(b) in any case in which a state attorney general brought a civil action under new subsection (d).

New subsection (f) adds a requirement that one year after the date of enactment and annually thereafter, the Civil Rights Division shall make publicly available on an internet website a report on, during the previous year: (1) the number of preliminary investigations of violations of subsection (a) that were commenced; (2) the number of preliminary investigations of violations of subsection (a) that were resolved; and (3) the status of any pending investigations of violations of subsection (a).

Section 103(b)(1) authorizes the Attorney General to award grants to assist a state in conducting pattern and practice investigations under 34 U.S.C. 12601. Grants authorized under this subsection may be used only to investigate a pattern or practice of misconduct by law enforcement officers, including prosecutor's offices, or by officials or employees of any governmental agency with responsibility for the administration of juvenile justice or the incarceration of juveniles.

Section 103(b)(2) requires that a state seeking a grant under paragraph (1) must submit an application in such form, at such time, and containing such information required by the Attorney General.

Section(b)(3) authorizes an appropriation of \$100M to the Attorney General for each of FY 2021 through 2023 to carry out this subsection.

Section 103(c) amends 34 U.S.C. 12602, a statute that permits the Attorney General, through appropriate means, to collect data about the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers.

Section 103(c)(1)(A) amends 34 U.S.C. 12602(a) to create a new subsection (a)(1) by striking Attorney General and inserting "(1) Federal Collection of Data—Attorney General."

Section 103(c)(1)(B) also amends 34 U.S.C. 12602(a) by adding a new subparagraph (2) to permit state attorneys general, through appropriate means, to acquire data about the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers and to allow such data to be used in conducting pattern or practice investigations permitted under 34 U.S.C. 12601. It also prohibits data collected under this paragraph from containing any information that may reveal the identity of the victim or any law enforcement officers.

Section 103(c)(2) amends 34 U.S.C. 12602(b), which limits the use of data acquired by the Attorney General under 34 U.S.C. 12602(a), to reference new subsection (a)(1).

Section 104. Independent Investigations. Section 104 authorizes the Attorney General to award grants to eligible states and Indian Tribes to assist in implementing independent investigation of law enforcement statute. It also amends 34 U.S.C. 10381 et seq. to permit the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to fund grants to develop best practices for and to create civilian review boards.

Section 104(a)(1) contains definitions that apply in this subsection.

Section 104(a)(2) authorizes the Attorney General to award grants to eligible states or Indian Tribes under this subsection. Grants authorized under this subsection may be used only to im-

plement such a statute or conduct independent investigations into the use of deadly force by law enforcement officers.

Section 104(a)(3) requires a state or Indian Tribe to have in effect an independent investigation of law enforcement statute to be eligible for a grant under this subsection.

Section 104(a)(4) authorizes an appropriation to the Attorney General of \$750M for FY 2021 through 2023 to carry out this subsection.

Section 104(b) amends 34 U.S.C. 10381 et seq. to permit the COPS program to fund grants to develop best practices for and to create civilian review boards.

SUBTITLE B—LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST AND INTEGRITY ACT

Section 111. Short Title. Section 111 sets forth the short title of the subtitle as the “Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020.”

Section 112. Definitions. Section 112 contains the definitions used under the subtitle.

Section 113. Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. Section 113 requires the Attorney General to study existing law enforcement accreditation standards nationwide and then recommend the adoption of additional standards that will result in greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies.

Section 113(a)(1) requires the Attorney General to perform an analysis of existing law enforcement accreditation standards developed by law enforcement accreditation organizations nationwide.

Section 113(a)(2)(A) requires the Attorney General, following the completion of the analysis described in section 113(a)(1), to recommend in consultation with law enforcement accreditation organizations and community-based organizations, the adoption of additional standards that will result in greater community accountability of law enforcement agencies and an increased focus on policing with a guardian mentality. Included must be standards related to early warning systems and related intervention programs; use of force procedures; civilian review procedures; traffic and pedestrian stop and search procedures; data collection and transparency; administrative due process requirements; video monitoring technology; youth justice and school safety; and recruitment, hiring, and training.

Section 113(a)(2)(B) also requires the Attorney General to recommend additional areas for the development of national standards for the accreditation of law enforcement agencies in consultation with existing law enforcement accreditation organizations, professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations, and professional civilian oversight organizations.

Section 113(a)(3) requires the Attorney General to adopt policies and procedures to partner with existing law enforcement accreditation organizations, professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations, and professional civilian oversight organizations to continue development of further accreditation standards consistent with Section 113(a)(2)(b); to encourage the pursuit of accreditation of federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies by certified law enforcement accreditation organizations; and to develop

recommendations for implementation of a national accreditation requirement tied to federal grant eligibility.

Section 113(b) amends 34 U.S.C. 10153(a) to add a new paragraph (7) that requires that a grant application made under this part include an assurance that for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 5 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to assist law enforcement agencies of the applicant, including campus public safety departments, gain or maintain accreditation from certified law enforcement accreditation organizations in accordance with section 113 of the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020.

Section 114. Law Enforcement Grants. Section 114(a) amends 34 U.S.C. 10153(a), as amended by section 113, by adding a new paragraph (8) that requires that a grant application made under this part include an assurance that for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 5 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to study and implement effective management, training, recruiting, hiring, and oversight standards and programs to promote effective community and problem solving strategies for law enforcement agencies in accordance with section 114 of the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020.

Section 114(b) authorizes the Attorney General to make grants to community-based organizations to study and implement (1) effective management, training, recruiting, hiring, and oversight standards and programs to promote effective community and problem solving strategies for law enforcement agencies; or (2) effective strategies and solutions to public safety, including strategies that do not rely on federal and local law enforcement agency response.

Section 114(c) requires that grant amounts described in new paragraph (8) added to 34 U.S.C. 10153(a) by section 114(a) and grant amounts awarded under section 114(b) of this section be used to: (1) study management and operations standards for law enforcement agencies, including standards relating to administrative due process, residency requirements, compensation and benefits, use of force, racial profiling, early warning and intervention systems, youth justice, school safety, civil review boards or analogous procedures, or research into the effectiveness of existing programs, projects, or other activities designed to address misconduct and (2) to develop pilot program and implement effective standards and programs in the areas of training, hiring and recruitment, and oversight that are designed to improve management and address misconduct by law enforcement officers.

Section 114(d) requires that a pilot program developed under section 114(c)(2) include implementation of the following: (1) Training; (2) Recruitment, Hiring, Retention, and Promotion of Diverse Law Enforcement Officers; (3) Oversight; (4) Youth Justice and School Safety; and (5) Victim Services.

Section 114(e) permits (1) the Attorney general to provide technical assistance to states and community-based organizations in furtherance of this section; and (2) the technical assistance provided by the Attorney General may include the development of models for states and community-based organizations to reduce law

enforcement officer misconduct. Any development of such models shall be in consultation with community-based organizations.

Section 114(f) permits the Attorney General to use any component or components of the Department of Justice in carrying out this section.

Section 114(g) requires an application for a grant under 114(b) to be submitted in such form and contain such information as the Attorney General may prescribe by rule.

Section 114(h) requires each program, project, or activity funded under this section to contain a monitoring component, which shall be developed pursuant to rules made by the Attorney General.

Section 114(i) permits the Attorney General, as a result of monitoring under section 114(h) or otherwise, to revoke or suspend funding of a grant made under the Byrne grant program or under section 114(b) if the Attorney General determines that the grant is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of this section.

Section 114(j) defines for the purposes of this section the term “civilian review board.”

Section 114(k) authorizes an appropriation to the Attorney General of \$25M for Fiscal Year 2021 to carry out the grant program authorized under section 114(b).

Section 115. Attorney General to Conduct Study. Section 115(a)(1) requires the Attorney General to conduct a nationwide study of the prevalence and effect of any law, rule, or procedure that allows a law enforcement officer to delay the response to questions posed by local internal affairs officer, or review board on the investigative integrity and prosecution of law enforcement misconduct, including pre-interview warnings and termination policies. As part of the study, the Attorney General is required to conduct an initial analysis as described in section 115(a)(2) followed by a nationwide data collection as described in section 115(a)(3). Section 115(b)(1) requires the Attorney General to submit a report to Congress and the public 120 days after enactment containing the results of the initial analysis prescribed by this section and identify the jurisdictions for which the study is to be conducted. Section 115(b)(2) requires the Attorney General not less than 2 years after enactment to submit a report to Congress containing the results of the data collection prescribed under this section and publish the report in the Federal Register.

Section 116. Authorization of Appropriations. Section 116 authorizes for fiscal year 2021, in addition to any other sums authorized to be appropriated: (1) \$25M for additional expenses related to the enforcement of 34 U.S.C. 12601, criminal enforcement under 18 U.S.C. 241 and 242, and administrative enforcement by the Department of Justice of such sections, including compliance with consent decrees or judgments; and (2) \$3.3M for additional expenses related to conflict resolution by the Department of Justice’s Community Relations Service.

Section 117. National Task Force on Law Enforcement Oversight. Section 117(a) establishes within the Department of Justice a Task Force on Law Enforcement Oversight. Section 117(b) requires that the Task Force be composed of individuals appointed by the Attorney General who is required to appoint not less than 1 individual from the DOJ components described under this section. Section 117(c) outlines the powers and duties of the Task Force and re-

quires that it consult with professional law enforcement associations, labor organizations, and community-based organizations to coordinate the process of the detection and referral of complaints regarding incidents of alleged law enforcement misconduct. Section 117(d) authorizes an appropriation of \$5M for each fiscal year to carry out this section.

Section 118. Federal Data Collection Law Enforcement Practices. Section 118(a) requires each federal, state, tribal, and local law enforcement agency to report data of the practices enumerated in section 118(c) of that agency to the Attorney General.

Section 118(b) requires that for each practice enumerated in section 118(c), the reporting law enforcement agency must provide a breakdown of the number of incidents of that practice by race, ethnicity, age, and gender of the officers of the agency and of members of the public involved in the practice.

Section 118(c) enumerates the practices to be reported to the Attorney General.

Section 118(d) requires that each law enforcement agency required to report data under this section must maintain records relating to any matter reported for 4 years after the creation of the records.

Section 118(e) enacts a penalty on states for failing to report as required under this section. A state shall not receive any amount that would otherwise be allocated to that state under 34 U.S.C. 10156(a) or any amount from any other DOJ law enforcement assistance program unless the state has assured to the satisfaction of the Attorney General that the state and each of its local law enforcement agencies is in substantial compliance with the requirements of this section.

Section 118(f) authorizes the Attorney General to prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

TITLE II—POLICING TRANSPARENCY THROUGH DATA

SUBTITLE A—MISCONDUCT REGISTRY

Section 201. Establishment of National Police Misconduct Registry. Section 201(a) requires the Attorney General not less than 180 days after enactment of this Act to establish a National Police Misconduct Registry to be compiled and maintained by the Department of Justice.

Section 201(b) sets forth the contents of the registry. With respect to all federal and local law enforcement officers, the registry must contain:

(1) each complaint filed against a law enforcement officer aggregated by (A) complaints found credible or that resulted in disciplinary action against the officer; (B) complaints that are pending review; and (C) complaints for which the officer was exonerated or that were determined to be unfounded or not sustained. All complaints must be disaggregated by whether the complaint involved a use of force or racial profiling.

(2) Discipline records disaggregated by whether the complaint involved a use of force or racial profiling.

(3) Termination records, including the reason for each termination, by whether the complaint involved a use of force or racial profiling.

(4) Records of certification in accordance with Section 202.

(5) Records of lawsuits against law enforcement officers and settlements of such lawsuits.

Section 201(c) requires that the head of each federal law enforcement agency shall submit to the Attorney General the information described in Section 201(b) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 6 months thereafter.

Section 201(d) requires a state that receives funds under the Byrne grant program to submit the information described under 201(b) for the state and each local law enforcement agency within the state to the Attorney General every 180 days beginning in the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is one year after the enactment of this Act and each fiscal year thereafter in which the state receives funds under the Byrne grant program.

Section 201(e) requires the Attorney General to make the registry available to the public on a website of the Attorney General in a manner that allows the public to search an individual law enforcement officer's records of misconduct as described in Section 201(b) involving the use of force or racial profiling. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to supersede the requirements or limitations under the Privacy Act of 1974.

Section 202. Certification Requirements for Hiring of Law Enforcement Officers. Section 202(a) states that a state or unit of local government, other than an Indian Tribe, may not receive funds under the Byrne grant program for that fiscal year if, on the day before that first day of the fiscal year, the state or unit of local government has not: (1) submitted to the Attorney General evidence that the state or unit of local government has a certification or decertification program for the purposes of employment as a law enforcement officer in that state or unit of local government; and (2) submitted to the registry established under section 201 records demonstrating that all law enforcement officers of the state or unit of local government have completed all state certification requirements during the 1 year period preceding the fiscal year.

Section 202(b) requires the Attorney General to make available to law enforcement agencies all information in the registry under section 201 for purposes of compliance with certification and decertification programs described in section 202(a) and considering applications of employment.

Section 202 (c) authorizes the Attorney General to make rules to carry out section 202 and section 201, including uniform reporting standards.

SUBTITLE B—POLICE REPORTING INFORMATION DATA AND EVIDENCE (PRIDE) ACT

Section 221. Short title. Section 221 sets forth the short title of this subtitle as the “Police Reporting Information, Data, and Evidence Act of 2020” or “PRIDE Act of 2020”.

Section 222. Definitions. Section 222 sets forth definitions of various terms used in this subtitle.

Section 223. Use of Force Reporting. Section 223(a) requires any state or Indian tribe receiving Byrne grant funds to report to the Attorney General on a quarterly basis, any incident involving use of deadly force or shooting against a civilian by a state, local, or tribal law enforcement officer employed by the grant recipient ju-

jurisdiction, any incident involving the death or arrest of an officer, any incident involving use of force by or against an officer, any death in custody, and any use of force in arrests and bookings. Also requires a grant recipient to establish a system and policies to ensure that all use of force incidents are reported by state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers and that they submit to the Attorney General a plan for the required data collection.

The report must contain at least the following information: (1) the national origin, race, sex, ethnicity, age, disability, English language proficiency, and housing status of each civilian against whom state, local, or tribal law enforcement officer used force; (2) the date, time, and location, including whether on school grounds, and zip code of the incident and whether the jurisdiction allows for open-carry or concealed-carry of a firearm; (3) whether the civilian was armed and, if so, the type of weapon the civilian had; (4) the type of force and weapons used against either the officer or the civilian; (5) the reason force was used; (6) a description of injuries sustained because of the incident; (7) the number of officers involved in the incident; and (8) a brief description of the circumstances surrounding the incident. A grant recipient jurisdiction is not required to include in this report an incident reported pursuant to 34 USC 12105(a)(2)). Each law enforcement agency reporting data under this section must maintain records relating to any reportable matter for a minimum of 4 years. In addition, prior to submitting a report, the jurisdiction must compare the information with publicly available sources and revise the report if any incident is determined to be missing.

Section 223(a) further requires that each grant recipient jurisdiction must conduct an annual audit of its use-of-force incident reporting system and submit a report on the audit to the Attorney General.

Section 223(b) reduces by up to 10 percent any amount of Byrne grant funds that a jurisdiction would have received should it fail to comply with the reporting requirements of Section 223(a). That money must instead be reallocated to other jurisdictions that have complied with those requirements. A grant recipient jurisdiction must also ensure that schools and local education agencies provide the required information to the jurisdiction regarding school resources officers.

Section 223(c) requires the Attorney General to publish and make publicly available a report containing the data required to be reported to the Attorney General under Section 223, subject to privacy protections, and further requires the Attorney General to issue guidance on best practices related to establishing standard data collection systems for the required information.

Section 224. Use of Force Data Reporting. Section 224 allows the Attorney General to make grants available to local law enforcement agencies to cover the costs of compliance with Section 223, public awareness campaigns on use of force by or against law enforcement officers, and use of force training for law enforcement agencies and personnel. To be eligible for a grant under this section, the agency must be in a jurisdiction that receives Byrne grant funding, employ 100 or fewer officers, demonstrate that its use of force policy is publicly available, and establish and maintain a complaint system that meets certain requirements.

Section 225. Compliance with Reporting Requirements. Section 225 requires the Attorney General to conduct an audit and review of the information provided by grant recipient jurisdictions pursuant to Section 223. Any data reported must be collected and reported consistent with existing Justice Department data collection programs regarding police-civilian encounters and with civil rights laws governing public dissemination of information. It also requires the Attorney General to issue guidelines for the Section 223 reporting requirement and to seek public comment on those guidelines before issuing them.

Section 226. Federal Law Enforcement Reporting. Section 226 requires each federal law enforcement agency to submit the information outlined in Section 223 to the Attorney General on a quarterly basis.

Section 227. Authorization of Appropriations. Section 227 authorizes appropriations to carry out this subtitle.

TITLE III—IMPROVING POLICE TRAINING AND POLICIES

SUBTITLE A—END RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PROFILING ACT

Section 301. Short Title. Section 301 sets forth the short title of Subtitle A of Title III as the “End Racial and Religious Profiling Act of 2020,” or “ERRPA.”

Section 302. Definitions. Section 302 provides definitions used within ERRPA. Among other things, subsection 302(6) defines “racial profiling” to include any reliance by law enforcement on a person’s “actual or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation” in making decisions with respect to law enforcement activity. Section 302 provides exceptions where relevant and trustworthy information links a person with a particular characteristic described, and for purposes of tribal law enforcement officers making jurisdictional determinations.

Part I—Prohibition of Racial Profiling

Section 311. Prohibition. Section 311 prohibits all federal, state, and local law enforcement agents and agencies from engaging in racial profiling.

Section 312. Enforcement. Section 312 provides a cause of action for the United States or any injured individual to enforce this prohibition. It also provides that a disparate impact on individuals with characteristics defined in subsection 302(6) constitutes prima facie evidence of racial profiling. Finally, it permits prevailing plaintiffs other than the United States to obtain attorney’s fees.

Part II—Programs to Eliminate Racial Profiling by Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

Section 321. Policies to Eliminate Racial Profiling. Section 321 requires federal law enforcement agencies to maintain policies prohibiting racial profiling, including by providing adequate training, collecting relevant data in accordance with Section 341, and implementing procedures to investigate and respond to allegations of racial profiling.

Part III—Programs to Eliminate Racial Profiling by State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies

Section 331. Policies Required for Grants. Section 331 requires any state or local entity applying for a grant under any covered program (defined in subsection 302(1) to include any Byrne grant program or any COPS grant program) to certify that the recipient maintains adequate policies prohibiting racial profiling. Such policies must, among other things, provide for adequate training and collection of relevant data in accordance with Section 341, and include participation in a complaint or audit program to investigate and respond to allegations of racial profiling.

Section 332. Involvement of Attorney General. Section 332 requires the Attorney General within six months of enactment to issue regulations regarding complaint procedures and auditing programs to respond to allegations of racial profiling. It also directs the Attorney General to withhold funds from grant recipients that fail to comply and requires the Attorney General to create a mechanism by which private parties may present evidence that a recipient is not in compliance.

Section 333. Data Collection Demonstration Project. Section 333 creates a \$5 million grant program for technical assistance for up to five recipients to engage in data collection regarding law enforcement agencies' "hit rates" (defined in subsection 302(3) as the percentage of stops and searches that yield contraband), disaggregated by race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, and religion. This section also authorizes \$500,000 for the Attorney General to conduct an evaluation of the data collected by grantees.

Section 334. Development of Best Practices. Section 334 requires applications for Byrne grants to include an assurance that the applicant will use at least 10 percent of the grant award to develop best practices to eliminate racial profiling.

Section 335. Authorization of Appropriations. Section 335 authorizes funds to the Attorney General as necessary to implement this part.

Part IV—Data Collection

Section 341. Attorney General to Issue Regulations. Section 341 requires the Attorney General within six months of enactment to issue regulations for the collection of relevant data from federal, state, and local law enforcement entities, as provided in sections 321 and 331. It requires, among other things, that the regulations provide for collection of data regarding routine and spontaneous investigatory activities; that the data be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability, and religion; and that the data contain sufficient detail to permit an analysis of whether a law enforcement agency is engaging in racial profiling. It also requires law enforcement agencies to maintain this data for at least four years and requires the Bureau of Justice Statistics to analyze the data for certain statistical disparities and to publish an annual report of its findings, beginning three years after enactment.

Section 342. Publication of Data. Section 342 requires the Bureau of Justice Statistics to provide the data collected under this subtitle to Congress and to the public, together with the report required

under Section 341, excluding any personally identifiable information.

Section 343. Limitations on Publication of Data. Section 343 prohibits disclosure of the names or identifying information of law enforcement agents, complainants, or other individuals except under certain specified circumstances. It exempts this information from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, except for disclosures of information regarding a particular person to that person.

Part V—Department of Justice Regulations and Reports on Racial Profiling in the United States

Section 351. Attorney General to Issue Regulations and Reports. Section 351 requires the Attorney General to issue such other regulations as may be necessary and requires the Attorney General to issue an annual report to Congress on racial profiling, beginning two years after enactment. The report must include, among other things, a summary of the data collected by the Attorney General from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, the status of policies to eliminate racial profiling, and a description of any other policies the Attorney General believes would facilitate the elimination of racial profiling.

SUBTITLE B—ADDITIONAL REFORMS

Section 361. Training on racial bias and duty to intervene. Section 361(a) Requires the Attorney General to establish a training program for law enforcement officers to cover racial profiling, implicit bias, and procedural justice. It also requires the Attorney General to establish a duty for federal law enforcement officers to intervene in cases where another officer uses excessive force and requires training program for this duty to intervene. Section 361(b) requires each federal law enforcement officer to complete the training programs established under subsection (a). Section 361(c) conditions Byrne grants for state and local governments on those jurisdictions requiring law enforcement officers to complete the training programs established under subsection (a). Section 361(d) allows grants for training programs for law enforcement officers on use of force and duty to intervene.

Section 362. Ban on No-Knock Warrants in Drug Cases. Section 362(a) amends the Controlled Substances Act to prohibit no-knock warrants by federal law enforcement officers in a drug case. Section 362(b) conditions COPS grants to state and local governments on their having in effect a law that prohibits the issuance of a no-knock warrant in a drug case. Section 362(c) defines “no-knock warrant” as a warrant that allows a law enforcement officer to enter a property without announcing the presence of the officer or the intention of the officer to enter the property.

Section 363. Incentivizing Banning of Chokeholds and Carotid Holds. Section 363(a) defines “chokehold or carotid hold” to mean the application of any pressure to the throat or windpipe, the use of maneuvers restricting blood or oxygen flow to the brain, or carotid artery restraints that prevent or hinder breathing or reduce intake of air. Section 363(b) conditions Byrne grants and COPS grants for state and local governments on that state and local government having in effect a law prohibiting law enforcement officers

from using a chokehold or carotid hold. Section 363(c) amends 18 U.S.C. § 242 to define “chokehold or carotid hold” as a “punishment, pain, or penalty.” Section 242 makes it a federal crime to, among other things, willfully subject someone to such “punishments, pains, or penalties.”

Section 364. PEACE Act. Section 364(a) sets forth the short title of this section as the “Police Exercising Absolute Care with Everyone Act of 2020” or “PEACE Act of 2020.” Section 364(b) establishes a use-of-force standard for federal law enforcement officers. Section 364(b)(1) provides definitions of various terms as used in this section. Section 364(b)(2) prohibits a federal law enforcement officer from using less lethal force unless such force is necessary and proportional in order to effectuate an arrest of a person who the officer has probable cause to believe has committed a crime and reasonable alternatives to the less lethal force have been exhausted.

Section 364(b)(3) prohibits a federal law enforcement officer from using deadly force unless the use of deadly force is necessary as a last resort to prevent imminent and serious bodily injury, the use of such force does not create a substantial risk of injury to a third person, and reasonable alternatives have been exhausted.

Section 364(b)(4) requires a federal law enforcement officer, when feasible, to identify himself or herself as a federal law enforcement officer and give a verbal warning prior to using force. The warning must include a request that the suspect surrender and notify that person that the officer will use force if the person resists arrest or flees.

Section 364(b)(5) requires the Attorney General to issue guidance to federal law enforcement agencies on types of less lethal and deadly force prohibited by this section and ways the officer can assess whether use of force is appropriate and necessary and use the least amount of force when interacting with certain types of individuals. Section 364(b)(6) requires the Attorney General to provide training for federal law enforcement officers on how to interact with these categories of individuals.

Section 364(b)(7) disallows a federal law enforcement officer to raise the justification defense in a civil rights prosecution under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111 or 1112 if that officer’s use of force violates the standards set forth in Section 364(b) or the officer’s gross negligence contributed to the necessity to use such force.

Section 364(c) conditions a state or local government’s receipt of Byrne grant funds on the jurisdiction having in effect a law setting forth the same use-of-force standards provided in Section 364(b). A jurisdiction that has had funds withheld and then subsequently enacts a law conforming with this requirement and demonstrates substantial efforts to enforce such a law, would once again be eligible in the follow fiscal year the total amount of funds that were withheld, subject to a 5-fiscal-year cap. Finally, the Attorney General is required to issue guidance to state and local governments on the criteria for determining whether a jurisdiction has enacted law conforming with this section.

Section 365. Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act. Section 365(a) contains findings regarding the transfer of military equipment to local law enforcement agencies. Section 365(b) restricts the Defense Department program allowing transfer of equipment to

local law enforcement agencies by striking “counterdrug” and “border security activities” as permissible uses for such property. It also adds new conditions for transfer of such property to a local law enforcement agency, including that the recipient submits to the Department a description of how it expects to use the property; the recipient certifies that if the property exceed the recipient’s needs, it will return the property to the Department; the recipient certifies that it has notified the local community of the request for the property; and the recipient has received the approval of the local governing body to acquire the property sought from the Department. Section 365(b) also strikes the existing preference for counterdrug, counterterrorism, and border security uses by the recipient agency.

Section 365(b) also requires the Secretary of Defense to certify annually that each recipient agency has provided the Secretary a documented accounting for all controlled property, including arms and ammunition, and carried out the bill’s other certification requirements. It also requires the Secretary to submit an annual report to Congress describing property to be transferred with a certification that the transfer will not be unlawful. It also prohibits certain types of items from being transferred, including controlled firearms, ammunition, grenade launchers, grenades, and explosives; controlled vehicles, trucks, highly mobile multi-wheeled vehicles, mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles; drones; controlled aircraft that are combat configured or have no commercial use; silencers; and long-range acoustic devices. It prohibits the Secretary from requiring that a recipient agency demonstrate the use of any small arms or ammunition, and clarifies that the bill’s various limitations also apply to property previously transferred by the Defense Department to an agency from that agency to another. This section, however, allows the Secretary to waive the annual certification requirement under certain emergency circumstances. It also prohibits the extension of the military property transfer program unless the Secretary certifies to Congress that: each recipient of controlled property under the program has demonstrated complete accountability for all such property or has been suspended from the program and also certifies that various other actions related to accounting for such property have been taken, and that any recipient for which 100 percent of the property was not accounted for has been suspended from the program. Also, no recipient agency may take ownership of any property transferred under the surplus military property program. Finally, Section 365 requires the Secretary to make a number of reports to Congress regarding various aspects of the property transfer program.

Section 366. Public Safety Innovation Grants. Section 366(a) amends the Byrne grant program statute by adding a new provision concerning local task forces on public safety innovation. That provision states that a law enforcement program eligible to receive Byrne grants may include the development of best practices for and the creation of local task forces on public safety innovation, charged with exploring and developing new strategies for public safety, including non-law enforcement strategies. This section also defines “local task force on public safety innovation” to mean an “administrative entity, created from partnerships between community-based organizations and other local stakeholders, that may develop innovative law enforcement and non-law enforcement strategies to en-

hance just and equitable public safety, repair breaches of trust between law enforcement agencies and the community they pledge to serve, and enhance accountability of law enforcement officers.”

Section 366(b) adds a requirement of a report on best practices for crisis intervention as part of a program assessment of crisis intervention teams.

Section 366(c) adds as a permissible use of COPS grants the recruitment, hiring, retention and training of law enforcement officers who live in or are willing to relocate to (1) communities where relations between police and community residents are poor or where there is a high incidence of crime and (2) are the communities or close to the communities where these officers serve. Such grants may also be used to collect data on the number of officers willing to relocate to communities where they serve and whether such relocations have impacted crime in those communities, and to develop and publicly report strategies and timelines for recruiting, hiring, promoting, and retaining a diverse and inclusive law enforcement workforce.

SUBTITLE C—LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY CAMERAS

Part I—Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act

Section 371. Short Title. Section 371 sets forth the short title of this part as the “Federal Police Camera and Accountability Act.”

Section 372. Requirements for Federal Law Enforcement Officers Regarding the Use of Body Cameras. Section 372(a) sets forth definitions for various terms used in this part. Section 372(b)(1) requires federal law enforcement officers to wear a body camera. Section 372(b)(2) sets forth the minimum requirements for the camera. Section 372(c) sets forth the requirement that the body camera’s video and audio functions be activated whenever a federal law enforcement officer responds to a service call or at the initiation of any other law enforcement or investigative stop involving a member of the public, except when an imminent threat to the officer’s life or safety makes activating the camera impossible or dangerous. Under such circumstances, the officer must activate the camera at the first reasonable opportunity. The officer may deactivate the camera after the stop is concluded and the officer leaves the scene.

Section 372(d) requires a federal law enforcement officer to notify a subject of the recording that he or she is being recorded by a body camera as close to the inception of the stop as reasonably possible.

Section 372(e) outlines a number of additional requirements with respect to a federal law enforcement officer’s use of a body camera with respect to giving notice to a subject of the camera recording and an opportunity for the subject to have the camera discontinue recording. Section 372(f) requires a recording of each offer to discontinue body camera use.

Section 372(g) prohibits the use of body cameras to “gather intelligence information based on First Amendment protected speech, association, or religion, or to record activity that is unrelated to” a legitimate law enforcement activity, and the body camera may not be equipped with or employ any real time facial recognition technologies.

Section 372(h) outlines exceptions to the requirement that a federal law enforcement officer wear a body camera.

Section 372(i) outlines footage retention requirements for body cameras. It requires that the agency employing an officer retain footage for 6 months after it is recorded, and then to delete it permanently. During this 6-month period, certain persons have a right to inspect the footage, including anyone who is a subject of the footage or their legal counsel; the parent or legal guardian of a minor subject or their legal counsel; the spouse, next of kin, or legal authorized designee of a deceased subject of the footage or their legal counsel; the officer whose body camera recorded the footage or their legal counsel; the officer's superior officer; or any defense counsel who claims to have a reasonable basis for believing that the footage contains exculpatory evidence. The right to review the footage does not include the right to possess a copy except when authorized.

Section 372(j) outlines additional retention and deletion requirements for body camera footage, including minimum 3-year retention if the footage captures any use of force or a stop about which the subject of the footage has made a complaint. The footage must be retained for at least 3 years when the footage has been requested by an officer under certain circumstances or by the subject of the footage, a parent or legal guardian of a minor who is a subject of the footage, or a deceased subject's spouse, next of kin, or legally authorized designee.

Section 372(k) provides that any subject of footage, parent or guardian of a minor subject, or deceased subject's next of kin or legally authorized designee must be allowed to review the specific footage to make a determination whether to request a 3-year retention of the footage.

Section 372(l) provides that all video footage of an interaction or event must be provided to any member of the public making a request for it if the interaction or event is identified with reasonable specificity. This section also outlines a number of exceptions to this rule and prioritizes requests for footage where the subject is killed, shot, or grievously injured. It also allows for the use of redaction technology to protect personal privacy of persons appearing in the video footage.

Section 372(m) prohibits withholding body camera footage from the public because it is an investigatory record if any person under investigation is a police officer or other law enforcement employee and the video relates to their official capacity conduct. Section 372(n) provides that any footage retained for six months as required by this part shall not be admissible as evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding. Section 372(o) prohibits public disclosure of body camera footage unless expressly authorized by law. Sections 372(p) and (q) place limitations on the use of body camera footage. Section 372(r) prohibits a third-party agent who maintains body camera footage from independently accessing, viewing, or altering footage except to delete footage as required. Section 372(s) outlines disciplinary procedures for any federal law enforcement officer or employee who fails to follow the requirements regarding body camera recording or footage retention. Section 372(t) provides that where an officer is involved in, a witness to, or in viewable range of a use of force by another officer that results in death, a firearm discharge results in injury, or another officer's conduct becomes the subject of a criminal investigation, the agency must take possession of the camera and any data on it, a copy of the data must be made,

and the data must be made publicly available according to the procedures outlined in Section 372(l). Section 372(u) limits footage that violates any law may not be offered as evidence in any criminal or civil action against a member of the public. Section 372(v) requires public disclosure of any agency policy or guidance regarding the use of body cameras or video footage. Section 372(w) is a rule of construction providing that nothing in this part shall be construed to preempt laws governing handling evidence in criminal investigation and prosecutions.

Section 373. Patrol Vehicles With In-Car Video Recording Cameras. Section 373(a) provides definitions to be used in this section. Section 373(b) requires that each federal law enforcement agency install in-car video camera recording equipment in all patrol vehicles with certain recording capabilities. It requires that the equipment be capable of recording for 10 hours or more and that it record certain specified activities, including whenever a patrol vehicle is assigned to patrol duty, certain activities outside a patrol vehicle, and inside the vehicle when transporting an arrestee or when the officer reasonably believes that recording may assist with prosecution, enhance safety, or for some other lawful purpose. Section 373(b)(3) requires a federal law enforcement officer to start recording at the start of an enforcement or investigative stop until the stop is completed and either the officer or the subject has left the scene or when the patrol vehicle emergency lights are activated. Section 373(c) requires that in-car camera footage must be retained for at least 90 days and prohibits footage from being altered or deleted during that time. Section 373(d) requires that audio or video recordings be made available to the public under administrative procedures. Finally, Section 373(e) requires an agency to ensure proper maintenance and care of in-car cameras.

Section 374. Facial Recognition Technology. Section 374 prohibits a camera or recording device required or authorized by this part from being equipped with or employing real time facial recognition technology and also prohibits footage from such camera or recording device from being subjected to such technology.

Section 375. GAO Study. Section 375 requires the GAO to conduct a study within one year of the date of enactment on federal law enforcement officer training, vehicle pursuits, use of force, and interaction with citizens, and to submit such report to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, the House Oversight and Reform Committee, and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Section 376. Regulations. Section 376 requires the Attorney General to issue regulations to carry out this part.

Section 377. Rule of Construction. Section 377 provides that nothing in this part be construed to impose any requirement on a federal law enforcement officer outside of the officer's course of duty.

Part 2—Police Camera Act

Section 381. Short title. Section 381 sets forth the short title of the part as the “Police Creating Accountability by Making Effective Recording Available Act of 2020” or the “Police CAMERA Act of 2020.”

Section 382. Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Requirements. Section 382(a) adds a new Byrne grant requirement for a state or

local government seeking a grant provide an assurance that for each fiscal year covered by the application, the jurisdiction will use at least 5 percent of the grant award for the fiscal year to develop policies and protocols to comply with the body camera requirements in Section 382(b).

Section 382(b) adds a new “Part OO” to Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to govern use of Byrne grant funds regarding body-worn cameras by state and local law enforcement. It provides, in proposed new Section 3051, that funds provided pursuant to the requirement outlined in Section 382(a) of the bill must be used to purchase or lease body-worn cameras for use by state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers, for expenses related to a body-worn camera program, and to implement certain policies and procedures. It also prohibits the use of expenses for facial recognition technology.

The required policies and procedures for a grant for body-worn cameras include adoption of data collection and retention protocols before the use of body cameras; the development of policies and protocols, with community input, for safe and effective use of cameras; secure storage, handling, and destruction of recorded data; the protection of privacy rights; the release of recorded data from a body camera in accordance with state open records laws; and making recorded data available to prosecutors, defense attorneys, and other court officers. The bill also specifies the issues that the data collection and retention protocols must address, including required uses, such as for the collection and reporting of statistical data on use of force incidents disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and age of the victim, the number of complaints filed against law enforcement officers, the disposition of such complaints, and any other statistical evidence. The protocols must also allow an individual to file a complaint relating to an improper use of body cameras. Proposed Section 3051 also limits use of body camera footage for officer misconduct investigation to those cases where there is a reasonable suspicion that the recording contains evidence of a crime or for limited training purposes and prohibits transfer of any recorded data by a grant recipient to another law enforcement or intelligence agency, with certain exceptions for criminal investigations and civil rights claims.

Proposed Section 3051 requires an audit of the use of funds for body-worn cameras and the development of policies and protocols for their use by grant recipients and requires each grant recipient to file a report with the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management. The Director, in turn, must evaluate the policies and protocols of grantees and take steps to ensure compliance with program requirements.

New proposed Section 3052 requires the Director to establish a training toolkit for body-worn cameras. Section 3053 requires the Director to conduct a study within 2 years of the date of enactment of this part on the efficacy of body-worn cameras in deterring police excessive force; the impacts of body-worn cameras on police accountability and transparency, on responses to and adjudications of excessive force complaints, and on evidence collection for criminal investigations; the effects of body-worn cameras on the safety of both law enforcement officers and the public; and on various other issues relating to privacy, individual constitutional rights, limita-

tions on facial recognition technology, public access to body camera footage, and law enforcement body camera use and training. The Director must submit a report to Congress on the study, including any policy recommendations, within 180 days after the study is completed.

TITLE IV—JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF LYNCHING ACT

Section 401. Short title. Section 401 sets forth the short title of Title IV as the “Emmett Till Anti-Lynching Act.”

Section 402. Findings. Section 402 contains findings regarding lynching.

Section 403. Lynching. Section 403 adds at the end of title 18, chapter 13 of the United States Code a new Section 250, making it a crime to conspire with another person to violate existing federal hate crimes statutes.

TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 501. Severability. Section 501 provides that if any provision of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act or particular application of it is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act or any other application shall not be affected.

Section 502. Savings Clause. Section 502 provides that nothing in the Act shall be construed: (1) to limit remedies under 42 U.S.C. 1983 or certain other statutes; affect any laws that apply to an Indian Tribe because of its political status; or waive an Indian Tribe’s sovereign immunity without the Tribe’s consent.

Changes in Existing Law Made by the Bill, as Reported

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, H.R. 5, as reported, are shown as follows:

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE

PART I—CRIMES

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CHAPTER 13—CIVIL RIGHTS

Sec.						
241. Conspiracy against rights.						
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250. <i>Lynching.</i>						
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§ 242. Deprivation of rights under color of law

Whoever, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, **[willfully]** *knowingly or recklessly* subjects any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or to different punishments, pains, or penalties, on account of such person being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, than are prescribed for the punishment of citizens, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; and if bodily injury results from the acts committed in violation of this section or if such acts include the use, attempted use, or threatened use of a dangerous weapon, explosives, or fire, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; and if death results from the acts committed in violation of this section or if such acts include kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to kill, shall be fined under this title, or imprisoned for any term of years or for life, or both**[, or may be sentenced to death]**. *For purposes of this section, an act shall be considered to have resulted in death if the act was a substantial factor contributing to the death of the person. For the purposes of this section, the application of any pressure to the throat or windpipe, use of maneuvers that restrict blood or oxygen flow to the brain, or carotid artery restraints which prevent or hinder breathing or reduce intake of air is a punishment, pain, or penalty.*

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§ 250. Lynching

Whoever conspires with another person to violate section 245, 247, or 249 of this title or section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3631) shall be punished in the same manner as a completed violation of such section, except that if the maximum term of imprisonment for such completed violation is less than 10 years, the person may be imprisoned for not more than 10 years.

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CHAPTER 51—HOMICIDE

Sec.

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1123. *Limitation on justification defense for Federal law enforcement officers.*

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§ 1123. Limitation on justification defense for Federal law enforcement officers

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*It is not a defense to an offense under section 1111 or 1112 that the use of less lethal force or deadly force by a Federal law enforcement officer was justified if—*

(1) that officer’s use of use of such force was inconsistent with section 364(b) of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020; or

(2) that officer's gross negligence, leading up to and at the time of the use of force, contributed to the necessity of the use of such force.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the terms “deadly force” and “less lethal force” have the meanings given such terms in section 2 and section 364 of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020; and

(2) the term “Federal law enforcement officer” has the meaning given such term in section 115.

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REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES

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TITLE XXIV

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SEC. 1979. Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the party injured in an action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress, except that in any action brought against a judicial officer for an act or omission taken in such officer's judicial capacity, injunctive relief shall not be granted unless a declaratory decree was violated or declaratory relief was unavailable. For the purposes of this section, any Act of Congress applicable exclusively to the District of Columbia shall be considered to be a statute of the District of Columbia. *It shall not be a defense or immunity in any action brought under this section against a local law enforcement officer (as such term is defined in section 2 of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020), or in any action under any source of law against a Federal investigative or law enforcement officer (as such term is defined in section 2680(h) of title 28, United States Code), that—*

(1) the defendant was acting in good faith, or that the defendant believed, reasonably or otherwise, that his or her conduct was lawful at the time when the conduct was committed; or

(2) the rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws were not clearly established at the time of their deprivation by the defendant, or that at such time, the state of the law was otherwise such that the defendant could not reasonably have been expected to know whether his or her conduct was lawful.

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**VIOLENT CRIME CONTROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
ACT OF 1994**

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**TITLE XXI—STATE AND LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT**

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Subtitle D—Police Pattern or Practice

SEC. 210401. CAUSE OF ACTION.

(a) **UNLAWFUL CONDUCT.**—It shall be unlawful for any governmental authority, or any agent thereof, or any person acting on behalf of a governmental authority, to engage in a pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers, *by prosecutors*, or by officials or employees of any governmental agency with responsibility for the administration of juvenile justice or the incarceration of juveniles that deprives persons of rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

(b) **CIVIL ACTION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—Whenever the Attorney General has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of **[paragraph (1)] subsection (a)** has occurred, the Attorney General, for or in the name of the United States, may in a civil action obtain appropriate equitable and declaratory relief to eliminate the pattern or practice.

(c) **SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.**—*In carrying out the authority in subsection (b), the Attorney General may require by subpoena the production of all information, documents, reports, answers, records, accounts, papers, and other data in any medium (including electronically stored information), as well as any tangible thing and documentary evidence, and the attendance and testimony of witnesses necessary in the performance of the Attorney General under subsection (b). Such a subpoena, in the case of contumacy or refusal to obey, shall be enforceable by order of any appropriate district court of the United States.*

(d) **CIVIL ACTION BY STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL.**—*Whenever it shall appear to the attorney general of any State, or such other official as a State may designate, that a violation of subsection (a) has occurred within their State, the State attorney general or official, in the name of the State, may bring a civil action in the appropriate district court of the United States to obtain appropriate equitable and declaratory relief to eliminate the pattern or practice. In carrying out the authority in this subsection, the State attorney general or official shall have the same subpoena authority as is available to the Attorney General under subsection (c).*

(e) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—*Nothing in this section may be construed to limit the authority of the Attorney General under subsection (b) in any case in which a State attorney general has brought a civil action under subsection (d).*

(f) **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—*On the date that is one year after the enactment of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020, and annually thereafter, the Civil Rights Division of the Depart-*

ment of Justice shall make publicly available on an internet website a report on, during the previous year—

- (1) the number of preliminary investigations of violations of subsection (a) that were commenced;
- (2) the number of preliminary investigations of violations of subsection (a) that were resolved; and
- (3) the status of any pending investigations of violations of subsection (a).

SEC. 210402. DATA ON USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE.

(a) **ATTORNEY GENERAL TO COLLECT.**—**[The Attorney General]**

(1) **FEDERAL COLLECTION OF DATA.**—*The Attorney General shall, through appropriate means, acquire data about the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers.*

(2) **STATE COLLECTION OF DATA.**—*The attorney general of a State may, through appropriate means, acquire data about the use of excessive force by law enforcement officers and such data may be used by the attorney general in conducting investigations under section 210401. This data may not contain any information that may reveal the identity of the victim or any law enforcement officer.*

[(b) LIMITATION ON USE OF DATA.—Data acquired under this section shall be used only for research or statistical purposes and may not contain any information that may reveal the identity of the victim or any law enforcement officer.]

(b) **LIMITATION ON USE OF DATA ACQUIRED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—*Data acquired under subsection (a)(1) shall be used only for research or statistical purposes and may not contain any information that may reveal the identity of the victim or any law enforcement officer.*

(c) **ANNUAL SUMMARY.**—The Attorney General shall publish an annual summary of the data acquired under this section.

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OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT OF 1968

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TITLE I—JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

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PART E—BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS

Subpart 1—Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

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SEC. 501. DESCRIPTION.

(a) **GRANTS AUTHORIZED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—From amounts made available to carry out this subpart, the Attorney General may, in accordance with the formula established under section 505, make grants to States and units of local government, for use by the State or unit of

local government to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following programs:

- (A) Law enforcement programs.
- (B) Prosecution and court programs.
- (C) Prevention and education programs.
- (D) Corrections and community corrections programs.
- (E) Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
- (F) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- (G) Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
- (H) Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.
- (I) *Training programs for law enforcement officers, including training programs on use of force and a duty to intervene.*

(2) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Paragraph (1) shall be construed to ensure that a grant under that paragraph may be used for any purpose for which a grant was authorized to be used under either or both of the programs specified in section 500(b), as those programs were in effect immediately before the enactment of this paragraph.

(3) **LOCAL TASK FORCES ON PUBLIC SAFETY INNOVATION.**—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—A law enforcement program under paragraph (1)(A) may include the development of best practices for and the creation of local task forces on public safety innovation, charged with exploring and developing new strategies for public safety, including non-law enforcement strategies.

(B) *DEFINITION.*—The term “local task force on public safety innovation” means an administrative entity, created from partnerships between community-based organizations and other local stakeholders, that may develop innovative law enforcement and non-law enforcement strategies to enhance just and equitable public safety, repair breaches of trust between law enforcement agencies and the community they pledge to serve, and enhance accountability of law enforcement officers.

(b) **CONTRACTS AND SUBAWARDS.**—A State or unit of local government may, in using a grant under this subpart for purposes authorized by subsection (a), use all or a portion of that grant to contract with or make one or more subawards to one or more—

- (1) neighborhood or community-based organizations that are private and nonprofit; or
- (2) units of local government.

(c) **PROGRAM ASSESSMENT COMPONENT; WAIVER.**—

(1) Each program funded under this subpart shall contain a program assessment component, developed pursuant to guidelines established by the Attorney General, in coordination with the National Institute of Justice.

(2) The Attorney General may waive the requirement of paragraph (1) with respect to a program if, in the opinion of

the Attorney General, the program is not of sufficient size to justify a full program assessment.

(3) *In the case of crisis intervention teams funded under subsection (a)(1)(H), a program assessment under this subsection shall contain a report on best practices for crisis intervention.*

(d) PROHIBITED USES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no funds provided under this subpart may be used, directly or indirectly, to provide any of the following matters:

(1) Any security enhancements or any equipment to any non-governmental entity that is not engaged in criminal justice or public safety.

(2) Unless the Attorney General certifies that extraordinary and exigent circumstances exist that make the use of such funds to provide such matters essential to the maintenance of public safety and good order—

(A) vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (excluding police helicopters);

(B) luxury items;

(C) real estate;

(D) construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions); or

(E) any similar matters.

(e) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 10 percent of a grant made under this subpart may be used for costs incurred to administer such grant.

(f) PERIOD.—The period of a grant made under this subpart shall be four years, except that renewals and extensions beyond that period may be granted at the discretion of the Attorney General.

(g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Subparagraph (d)(1) shall not be construed to prohibit the use, directly or indirectly, of funds provided under this subpart to provide security at a public event, such as a political convention or major sports event, so long as such security is provided under applicable laws and procedures.

SEC. 502. APPLICATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To request a grant under this subpart, the chief executive officer of a State or unit of local government shall submit an application to the Attorney General within 120 days after the date on which funds to carry out this subpart are appropriated for a fiscal year, in such form as the Attorney General may require. Such application shall include the following:

(1) A certification that Federal funds made available under this subpart will not be used to supplant State or local funds, but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of Federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities.

(2) An assurance that, not fewer than 30 days before the application (or any amendment to the application) was submitted to the Attorney General, the application (or amendment) was submitted for review to the governing body of the State or unit of local government (or to an organization designated by that governing body).

(3) An assurance that, before the application (or any amendment to the application) was submitted to the Attorney General—

- (A) the application (or amendment) was made public; and
 - (B) an opportunity to comment on the application (or amendment) was provided to citizens and to neighborhood or community-based organizations, to the extent applicable law or established procedure makes such an opportunity available.
- (4) An assurance that, for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant shall maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial) as the Attorney General may reasonably require.
- (5) A certification, made in a form acceptable to the Attorney General and executed by the chief executive officer of the applicant (or by another officer of the applicant, if qualified under regulations promulgated by the Attorney General), that—
- (A) the programs to be funded by the grant meet all the requirements of this subpart;
 - (B) all the information contained in the application is correct;
 - (C) there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies; and
 - (D) the applicant will comply with all provisions of this subpart and all other applicable Federal laws.
- (6) A comprehensive Statewide plan detailing how grants received under this section will be used to improve the administration of the criminal justice system, which shall—
- (A) be designed in consultation with local governments, and representatives of all segments of the criminal justice system, including judges, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, corrections personnel, and providers of indigent defense services, victim services, juvenile justice delinquency prevention programs, community corrections, and reentry services;
 - (B) include a description of how the State will allocate funding within and among each of the uses described in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of section 501(a)(1);
 - (C) describe the process used by the State for gathering evidence-based data and developing and using evidence-based and evidence-gathering approaches in support of funding decisions;
 - (D) describe the barriers at the State and local level for accessing data and implementing evidence-based approaches to preventing and reducing crime and recidivism; and
 - (E) be updated every 5 years, with annual progress reports that—
 - (i) address changing circumstances in the State, if any;
 - (ii) describe how the State plans to adjust funding within and among each of the uses described in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of section 501(a)(1);
 - (iii) provide an ongoing assessment of need;
 - (iv) discuss the accomplishment of goals identified in any plan previously prepared under this paragraph; and

(v) reflect how the plan influenced funding decisions in the previous year.

(7) *An assurance that, for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 5 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to assist law enforcement agencies of the applicant, including campus public safety departments, gain or maintain accreditation from certified law enforcement accreditation organizations in accordance with section 113 of the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020.*

(8) *An assurance that, for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 5 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to study and implement effective management, training, recruiting, hiring, and oversight standards and programs to promote effective community and problem solving strategies for law enforcement agencies in accordance with section 114 of the Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 2020.*

(9) *An assurance that, for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 10 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to develop and implement best practice devices and systems to eliminate racial profiling in accordance with section 334 of the End Racial and Religious Profiling Act of 2020.*

(10) *An assurance that, for each fiscal year covered by an application, the applicant will use not less than 5 percent of the total amount of the grant award for the fiscal year to develop policies and protocols in compliance with part OO.*

(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

(1) STRATEGIC PLANNING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Attorney General shall begin to provide technical assistance to States and local governments requesting support to develop and implement the strategic plan required under subsection (a)(6). The Attorney General may enter into agreements with 1 or more non-governmental organizations to provide technical assistance and training under this paragraph.

(2) PROTECTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Attorney General shall begin to provide technical assistance to States and local governments, including any agent thereof with responsibility for administration of justice, requesting support to meet the obligations established by the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall include—

(A) public dissemination of practices, structures, or models for the administration of justice consistent with the requirements of the Sixth Amendment; and

(B) assistance with adopting and implementing a system for the administration of justice consistent with the requirements of the Sixth Amendment.

(3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For each of fiscal years 2017 through 2021, of the amounts appropriated to carry out this subpart, not less than \$5,000,000 and not more than \$10,000,000 shall be used to carry out this subsection.

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**PART Q—PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY
POLICING; “COPS ON THE BEAT”**

SEC. 1701. AUTHORITY TO MAKE PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY POLICING GRANTS.

(a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney General shall carry out a single grant program under which the Attorney General makes grants to States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, other public and private entities, and multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia for the purposes described in subsection (b).

(b) USES OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—The purposes for which grants made under subsection (a) may be made are—

(1) to rehire law enforcement officers who have been laid off as a result of State, tribal, or local budget reductions for deployment in community-oriented policing;

(2) to hire and train new, additional career law enforcement officers for deployment in community-oriented policing across the Nation, including by prioritizing the hiring and training of veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code);

(3) to procure equipment, technology, or support systems, or pay overtime, to increase the number of officers deployed in community-oriented policing;

(4) to award grants to pay for offices hired to perform intelligence, anti-terror, or homeland security duties;

(5) to increase the number of law enforcement officers involved in activities that are focused on interaction with members of the community on proactive crime control and prevention by redeploying officers to such activities;

(6) to provide specialized training to law enforcement officers to enhance their conflict resolution, mediation, problem solving, service, and other skills needed to work in partnership with members of the community;

(7) to increase police participation in multidisciplinary early intervention teams;

(8) to develop new technologies, including interoperable communications technologies, modernized criminal record technology, and forensic technology, to assist State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime and to train law enforcement officers to use such technologies;

(9) to develop and implement innovative programs to permit members of the community to assist State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies in the prevention of crime in the community, such as a citizens’ police academy, including programs designed to increase the level of access to the criminal justice system enjoyed by victims, witnesses, and ordinary citizens by establishing decentralized satellite offices (including video facilities) of principal criminal courts buildings;

(10) to establish innovative programs to reduce, and keep to a minimum, the amount of time that law enforcement officers must be away from the community while awaiting court appearances;

(11) to establish and implement innovative programs to increase and enhance proactive crime control and prevention programs involving law enforcement officers and young persons in the community;

(12) to establish school-based partnerships between local law enforcement agencies and local school systems by using school resource officers who operate in and around elementary and secondary schools to combat school-related crime and disorder problems, gangs, and drug activities, including the training of school resource officers in the prevention of human trafficking offenses;

(13) to develop and establish new administrative and managerial systems to facilitate the adoption of community-oriented policing as an organization-wide philosophy;

(14) to assist a State or Indian tribe in enforcing a law throughout the State or tribal community that requires that a convicted sex offender register his or her address with a State, tribal, or local law enforcement agency and be subject to criminal prosecution for failure to comply;

(15) to establish, implement, and coordinate crime prevention and control programs (involving law enforcement officers working with community members) with other Federal programs that serve the community and community members to better address the comprehensive needs of the community and its members;

(16) to support the purchase by a law enforcement agency of no more than 1 service weapon per officer, upon hiring for deployment in community-oriented policing or, if necessary, upon existing officers' initial redeployment to community-oriented policing;

(17) to participate in nationally recognized active shooter training programs that offer scenario-based, integrated response courses designed to counter active shooter threats or acts of terrorism against individuals or facilities;

(18) to provide specialized training to law enforcement officers to—

(A) recognize individuals who have a mental illness; and

(B) properly interact with individuals who have a mental illness, including strategies for verbal de-escalation of crises;

(19) to establish collaborative programs that enhance the ability of law enforcement agencies to address the mental health, behavioral, and substance abuse problems of individuals encountered by law enforcement officers in the line of duty;

(20) to provide specialized training to corrections officers to recognize individuals who have a mental illness;

(21) to enhance the ability of corrections officers to address the mental health of individuals under the care and custody of jails and prisons, including specialized training and strategies for verbal de-escalation of crises;

(22) *to develop best practices for and to create civilian review boards;*

(23) *to recruit, hire, incentivize, retain, develop, and train new, additional career law enforcement officers or current law*

enforcement officers who are willing to relocate to communities—

(A) where there are poor or fragmented relationships between police and residents of the community, or where there are high incidents of crime; and

(B) that are the communities that the law enforcement officers serve, or that are in close proximity to the communities that the law enforcement officers serve;

(24) to collect data on the number of law enforcement officers who are willing to relocate to the communities where they serve, and whether such law enforcement officer relocations have impacted crime in such communities;

(25) to develop and publicly report strategies and timelines to recruit, hire, promote, retain, develop, and train a diverse and inclusive law enforcement workforce, consistent with merit system principles and applicable law;

[(22)] *(26) to permit tribal governments receiving direct law enforcement services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to access the program under this section for use in accordance with paragraphs (1) through [(21)] (25); and*

[(23)] *(27) to establish peer mentoring mental health and wellness pilot programs within State, tribal, and local law enforcement agencies.*

(c) PREFERENTIAL CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN GRANTS.—In awarding grants under this part, the Attorney General may give preferential consideration, where feasible, to an application—

(1) for hiring and rehiring additional career law enforcement officers that involves a non-Federal contribution exceeding the 25 percent minimum under subsection (g);

(2) from an applicant in a State that has in effect a law that—

(A) treats a minor who has engaged in, or has attempted to engage in, a commercial sex act as a victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons;

(B) discourages or prohibits the charging or prosecution of an individual described in subparagraph (A) for a prostitution or sex trafficking offense, based on the conduct described in subparagraph (A); and

(C) encourages the diversion of an individual described in subparagraph (A) to appropriate service providers, including child welfare services, victim treatment programs, child advocacy centers, rape crisis centers, or other social services; or

(3) from an applicant in a State that has in effect a law—

(A) that—

(i) provides a process by which an individual who is a human trafficking survivor can move to vacate any arrest or conviction records for a non-violent offense committed as a direct result of human trafficking, including prostitution or lewdness;

(ii) establishes a rebuttable presumption that any arrest or conviction of an individual for an offense associated with human trafficking is a result of being trafficked, if the individual—

(I) is a person granted nonimmigrant status pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(T)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(T)(i));

(II) is the subject of a certification by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 107(b)(1)(E) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)(1)(E)); or

(III) has other similar documentation of trafficking, which has been issued by a Federal, State, or local agency; and

(iii) protects the identity of individuals who are human trafficking survivors in public and court records; and

(B) that does not require an individual who is a human trafficking survivor to provide official documentation as described in subclause (I), (II), or (III) of subparagraph (A)(ii) in order to receive protection under the law.

(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may provide technical assistance to States, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and to other public and private entities, in furtherance of the purposes of the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994.

(2) MODEL.—The technical assistance provided by the Attorney General may include the development of a flexible model that will define for State and local governments, and other public and private entities, definitions and strategies associated with community or problem-oriented policing and methodologies for its implementation.

(3) TRAINING CENTERS AND FACILITIES.—The technical assistance provided by the Attorney General may include the establishment and operation of training centers or facilities, either directly or by contracting or cooperative arrangements. The functions of the centers or facilities established under this paragraph may include instruction and seminars for police executives, managers, trainers, supervisors, and such others as the Attorney General considers to be appropriate concerning community or problem-oriented policing and improvements in police-community interaction and cooperation that further the purposes of the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994.

(e) UTILIZATION OF COMPONENTS.—The Attorney General may utilize any component or components of the Department of Justice in carrying out this part.

(f) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—Unless all applications submitted by any State and grantee within the State pursuant to subsection (a) have been funded, each qualifying State, together with grantees within the State, shall receive in each fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a) not less than 0.5 percent of the total amount appropriated in the fiscal year for grants pursuant to that subsection. In this subsection, “qualifying State” means any State which has submitted an application for a grant, or in which an eligible entity has submitted an application for a grant, which meets the requirements

prescribed by the Attorney General and the conditions set out in this part.

(g) **MATCHING FUNDS.**—The portion of the costs of a program, project, or activity provided by a grant under subsection (a) may not exceed 75 percent, unless the Attorney General waives, wholly or in part, the requirement under this subsection of a non-Federal contribution to the costs of a program, project, or activity. In relation to a grant for a period exceeding 1 year for hiring or rehiring career law enforcement officers, the Federal share shall decrease from year to year for up to 5 years, looking toward the continuation of the increased hiring level using State or local sources of funding following the conclusion of Federal support, as provided in an approved plan pursuant to section 1702(c)(8).

(h) **ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.**—The funds available under this part shall be allocated as provided in section 1001(a)(11)(B).

(i) **TERMINATION OF GRANTS FOR HIRING OFFICERS.**—Except as provided in subsection (j), the authority under subsection (a) of this section to make grants for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers shall lapse at the conclusion of 6 years from the date of enactment of this part. Prior to the expiration of this grant authority, the Attorney General shall submit a report to Congress concerning the experience with and effects of such grants. The report may include any recommendations the Attorney General may have for amendments to this part and related provisions of law in light of the termination of the authority to make grants for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers.

(j) **GRANTS TO INDIAN TRIBES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding subsection (i) and section 1703, and in acknowledgment of the Federal nexus and distinct Federal responsibility to address and prevent crime in Indian country, the Attorney General shall provide grants under this section to Indian tribal governments, for fiscal year 2011 and any fiscal year thereafter, for such period as the Attorney General determines to be appropriate to assist the Indian tribal governments in carrying out the purposes described in subsection (b).

(2) **PRIORITY OF FUNDING.**—In providing grants to Indian tribal governments under this subsection, the Attorney General shall take into consideration reservation crime rates and tribal law enforcement staffing needs of each Indian tribal government.

(3) **FEDERAL SHARE.**—Because of the Federal nature and responsibility for providing public safety on Indian land, the Federal share of the cost of any activity carried out using a grant under this subsection—

(A) shall be 100 percent; and

(B) may be used to cover indirect costs.

(4) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.

(k) **COPS ANTI-METH PROGRAM.**—The Attorney General shall use amounts otherwise appropriated to carry out this section for a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2019) to make competitive grants, in amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 for such fiscal year,

to State law enforcement agencies with high seizures of precursor chemicals, finished methamphetamine, laboratories, and laboratory dump seizures for the purpose of locating or investigating illicit activities, such as precursor diversion, laboratories, or methamphetamine traffickers.

(1) COPS ANTI-HEROIN TASK FORCE PROGRAM.—The Attorney General shall use amounts otherwise appropriated to carry out this section, or other amounts as appropriated, for a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2019) to make competitive grants to State law enforcement agencies in States with high per capita rates of primary treatment admissions, for the purpose of locating or investigating illicit activities, through Statewide collaboration, relating to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil or relating to the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.

(m) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report describing the extent and effectiveness of the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) initiative as applied in Indian country, including particular references to—

- (1) the problem of intermittent funding;
- (2) the integration of COPS personnel with existing law enforcement authorities; and
- (3) an explanation of how the practice of community policing and the broken windows theory can most effectively be applied in remote tribal locations.

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SEC. 1709. DEFINITIONS.

In this part—

(1) “career law enforcement officer” means a person hired on a permanent basis who is authorized by law or by a State or local public agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, or investigation of violations of criminal laws.

(2) “citizens’ police academy” means a program by local law enforcement agencies or private nonprofit organizations in which citizens, especially those who participate in neighborhood watch programs, are trained in ways of facilitating communication between the community and local law enforcement in the prevention of crime.

(3) “Indian tribe” means a tribe, band, pueblo, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians, including an Alaska Native village (as defined in or established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.)), that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

(4) “school resource officer” means a career law enforcement officer, with sworn authority, deployed in community-oriented policing, and assigned by the employing police department or agency to work in collaboration with schools and community-based organizations—

- (A) to address crime and disorder problems, gangs, and drug activities affecting or occurring in or around an elementary or secondary school;

(B) to develop or expand crime prevention efforts for students;

(C) to educate likely school-age victims in crime prevention and safety;

(D) to develop or expand community justice initiatives for students;

(E) to train students in conflict resolution, restorative justice, and crime awareness;

(F) to assist in the identification of physical changes in the environment that may reduce crime in or around the school; and

(G) to assist in developing school policy that addresses crime and to recommend procedural changes.

(5) “commercial sex act” has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

(6) “minor” means an individual who has not attained the age of 18 years.

(7) “severe form of trafficking in persons” has the meaning given the term in section 103 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7102).

(8) “civilian review board” means an administrative entity that investigates civilian complaints against law enforcement officers and—

(A) is independent and adequately funded;

(B) has investigatory authority and subpoena power;

(C) has representative community diversity;

(D) has policy making authority;

(E) provides advocates for civilian complainants;

(F) may conduct hearings; and

(G) conducts statistical studies on prevailing complaint trends.

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PART OO—LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY-WORN CAMERAS AND RECORDED DATA

SEC. 3051. USE OF GRANT FUNDS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Grant amounts described in paragraph (10) of section 502(a) of this title—

(1) shall be used—

(A) to purchase or lease body-worn cameras for use by State, local, and tribal law enforcement officers (as defined in section 2503);

(B) for expenses related to the implementation of a body-worn camera program in order to deter excessive force, improve accountability and transparency of use of force by law enforcement officers, assist in responding to complaints against law enforcement officers, and improve evidence collection; and

(C) to implement policies or procedures to comply with the requirements described in subsection (b); and

(2) may not be used for expenses related to facial recognition technology.

(b) *REQUIREMENTS.*—A recipient of a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title shall—

(1) establish policies and procedures in accordance with the requirements described in subsection (c) before law enforcement officers use of body-worn cameras;

(2) adopt recorded data collection and retention protocols as described in subsection (d) before law enforcement officers use of body-worn cameras;

(3) make the policies and protocols described in paragraphs (1) and (2) available to the public; and

(4) comply with the requirements for use of recorded data under subsection (f).

(c) *REQUIRED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.*—A recipient of a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title shall—

(1) develop with community input and publish for public view policies and protocols for—

(A) the safe and effective use of body-worn cameras;

(B) the secure storage, handling, and destruction of recorded data collected by body-worn cameras;

(C) protecting the privacy rights of any individual who may be recorded by a body-worn camera;

(D) the release of any recorded data collected by a body-worn camera in accordance with the open records laws, if any, of the State; and

(E) making recorded data available to prosecutors, defense attorneys, and other officers of the court in accordance with subparagraph (E); and

(2) conduct periodic evaluations of the security of the storage and handling of the body-worn camera data.

(d) *RECORDED DATA COLLECTION AND RETENTION PROTOCOL.*—The recorded data collection and retention protocol described in this paragraph is a protocol that—

(1) requires—

(A) a law enforcement officer who is wearing a body-worn camera to provide an explanation if an activity that is required to be recorded by the body-worn camera is not recorded;

(B) a law enforcement officer who is wearing a body-worn camera to obtain consent to be recorded from a crime victim or witness before interviewing the victim or witness;

(C) the collection of recorded data unrelated to a legitimate law enforcement purpose be minimized to the greatest extent practicable;

(D) the system used to store recorded data collected by body-worn cameras to log all viewing, modification, or deletion of stored recorded data and to prevent, to the greatest extent practicable, the unauthorized access or disclosure of stored recorded data;

(E) any law enforcement officer be prohibited from accessing the stored data without an authorized purpose; and

(F) the law enforcement agency to collect and report statistical data on—

(i) incidences of use of force, disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, and age of the victim;

(ii) the number of complaints filed against law enforcement officers;

(iii) the disposition of complaints filed against law enforcement officers;

(iv) the number of times camera footage is used for evidence collection in investigations of crimes; and

(v) any other additional statistical data that the Director determines should be collected and reported;

(2) allows an individual to file a complaint with a law enforcement agency relating to the improper use of body-worn cameras; and

(3) complies with any other requirements established by the Director.

(e) **REPORTING.**—Statistical data required to be collected under subsection (d)(1)(D) shall be reported to the Director, who shall—

(1) establish a standardized reporting system for statistical data collected under this program; and

(2) establish a national database of statistical data recorded under this program.

(f) **USE OR TRANSFER OF RECORDED DATA.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Recorded data collected by an entity receiving a grant under a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title from a body-worn camera shall be used only in internal and external investigations of misconduct by a law enforcement agency or officer, if there is reasonable suspicion that a recording contains evidence of a crime, or for limited training purposes. The Director shall establish rules to ensure that the recorded data is used only for the purposes described in this paragraph.

(2) **PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER.**—Except as provided in paragraph (3), an entity receiving a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title may not transfer any recorded data collected by the entity from a body-worn camera to another law enforcement or intelligence agency.

(3) **EXCEPTIONS.**—

(A) **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.**—An entity receiving a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title may transfer recorded data collected by the entity from a body-worn camera to another law enforcement agency or intelligence agency for use in a criminal investigation if the requesting law enforcement or intelligence agency has reasonable suspicion that the requested data contains evidence relating to the crime being investigated.

(B) **CIVIL RIGHTS CLAIMS.**—An entity receiving a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title may transfer recorded data collected by the law enforcement agency from a body-worn camera to another law enforcement agency for use in an investigation of the violation of any right, privilege, or immunity secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

(g) **AUDIT AND ASSESSMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this part, the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management shall perform an assessment of the use of funds under this section and the policies and protocols of the grantees.

(2) *REPORTS.*—Not later than September 1 of each year, beginning 2 years after the date of enactment of this part, each recipient of a grant under subpart 1 of part E of this title shall submit to the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management a report that—

(A) describes the progress of the body-worn camera program; and

(B) contains recommendations on ways in which the Federal Government, States, and units of local government can further support the implementation of the program.

(3) *REVIEW.*—The Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management shall evaluate the policies and protocols of the grantees and take such steps as the Director of the Office of Audit, Assessment, and Management determines necessary to ensure compliance with the program.

SEC. 3052. BODY-WORN CAMERA TRAINING TOOLKIT.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Director shall establish and maintain a body-worn camera training toolkit for law enforcement agencies, academia, and other relevant entities to provide training and technical assistance, including best practices for implementation, model policies and procedures, and research materials.

(b) *MECHANISM.*—In establishing the toolkit required to under subsection (a), the Director may consolidate research, practices, templates, and tools that been developed by expert and law enforcement agencies across the country.

SEC. 3053. STUDY.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Police CAMERA Act of 2020, the Director shall conduct a study on—

(1) the efficacy of body-worn cameras in deterring excessive force by law enforcement officers;

(2) the impact of body-worn cameras on the accountability and transparency of the use of force by law enforcement officers;

(3) the impact of body-worn cameras on responses to and adjudications of complaints of excessive force;

(4) the effect of the use of body-worn cameras on the safety of law enforcement officers on patrol;

(5) the effect of the use of body-worn cameras on public safety;

(6) the impact of body-worn cameras on evidence collection for criminal investigations;

(7) issues relating to the secure storage and handling of recorded data from the body-worn cameras;

(8) issues relating to the privacy of individuals and officers recorded on body-worn cameras;

(9) issues relating to the constitutional rights of individuals on whom facial recognition technology is used;

(10) issues relating to limitations on the use of facial recognition technology;

(11) issues relating to the public's access to body-worn camera footage;

(12) the need for proper training of law enforcement officers that use body-worn cameras;

(13) best practices in the development of protocols for the safe and effective use of body-worn cameras;

(14) a review of law enforcement agencies that found body-worn cameras to be unhelpful in the operations of the agencies; and

(15) any other factors that the Director determines are relevant in evaluating the efficacy of body-worn cameras.

(b) *REPORT.*—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the study required under subsection (a) is completed, the Director shall submit to Congress a report on the study, which shall include any policy recommendations that the Director considers appropriate.

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CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

TITLE II—CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT

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PART E—ADMINISTRATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

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SEARCH WARRANTS

SEC. 509. A search warrant relating to offenses involving controlled substances may be served at any time of the day or night if the judge or United States magistrate issuing the warrant is satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that grounds exist for the warrant and for its service at such time. *A search warrant authorized under this section shall require that a law enforcement officer execute the search warrant only after providing notice of his or her authority and purpose.*

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TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE

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SUBTITLE A—GENERAL MILITARY LAW

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**PART IV—SERVICE, SUPPLY, AND
PROCUREMENT**

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**CHAPTER 153—EXCHANGE OF MATERIAL AND DISPOSAL
OF OBSOLETE, SURPLUS, OR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY**

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§ 2576a. Excess personal property: sale or donation for law enforcement activities

(a) **TRANSFER AUTHORIZED.**—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense

may transfer to Federal and State agencies personal property of the Department of Defense, including small arms and ammunition, that the Secretary determines is—

(A) suitable for use by the agencies in law enforcement activities, including [counterdrug, counterterrorism, and border security activities] *counterterrorism*; and

(B) excess to the needs of the Department of Defense.

(2) The Secretary shall carry out this section in consultation with the Attorney General[, the Director of National Drug Control Policy,] and the Secretary of Homeland Security, as appropriate.

(b) CONDITIONS FOR TRANSFER.—The Secretary of Defense may transfer personal property under this section only if—

(1) the property is drawn from existing stocks of the Department of Defense;

(2) the recipient accepts the property on an as-is, where-is basis;

(3) the transfer is made without the expenditure of any funds available to the Department of Defense for the procurement of defense equipment;

(4) all costs incurred subsequent to the transfer of the property are borne or reimbursed by the recipient;

(5) the recipient, on an annual basis, and with the authorization of the relevant local governing body or authority, certifies that it has adopted publicly available protocols for the appropriate use of controlled property, the supervision of such use, and the evaluation of the effectiveness of such use, including auditing and accountability policies; [and]

(6) after the completion of the assessment required by section 1051(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016, the recipient, on an annual basis, certifies that it provides annual training to relevant personnel on the maintenance, sustainment, and appropriate use of controlled property[.];

(7) *the recipient submits to the Department of Defense a description of how the recipient expects to use the property;*

(8) *the recipient certifies to the Department of Defense that if the recipient determines that the property is surplus to the needs of the recipient, the recipient will return the property to the Department of Defense;*

(9) *with respect to a recipient that is not a Federal agency, the recipient certifies to the Department of Defense that the recipient notified the local community of the request for personal property under this section by—*

(A) *publishing a notice of such request on a publicly accessible Internet website;*

(B) *posting such notice at several prominent locations in the jurisdiction of the recipient; and*

(C) *ensuring that such notices were available to the local community for a period of not less than 30 days; and*

(10) *the recipient has received the approval of the city council or other local governing body to acquire the personal property sought under this section.*

(c) CONSIDERATION.—Subject to subsection (b)(4), the Secretary may transfer personal property under this section without charge to the recipient agency.

[(d) PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN TRANSFERS.—In considering applications for the transfer of personal property under this section, the Secretary shall give a preference to those applications indicating that the transferred property will be used in the counterdrug, counterterrorism, or border security activities of the recipient agency.]

(d) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION ACCOUNTING FOR TRANSFERRED PROPERTY.—(1) For each fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress certification in writing that each Federal or State agency to which the Secretary has transferred property under this section—

(A) has provided to the Secretary documentation accounting for all controlled property, including arms and ammunition, that the Secretary has transferred to the agency, including any item described in subsection (f) so transferred before the date of the enactment of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020; and

(B) with respect to a non-Federal agency, carried out each of paragraphs (5) through (8) of subsection (b).

(2) If the Secretary does not provide a certification under paragraph (1) for a Federal or State agency, the Secretary may not transfer additional property to that agency under this section.

(e) ANNUAL REPORT ON EXCESS PROPERTY.—Before making any property available for transfer under this section, the Secretary shall annually submit to Congress a description of the property to be transferred together with a certification that the transfer of the property would not violate this section or any other provision of law.

(f) LIMITATIONS ON TRANSFERS.—(1) The Secretary may not transfer to Federal, Tribal, State, or local law enforcement agencies the following under this section:

(A) Controlled firearms, ammunition, bayonets, grenade launchers, grenades (including stun and flash-bang), and explosives.

(B) Controlled vehicles, highly mobile multi-wheeled vehicles, mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles, trucks, truck dump, truck utility, and truck carryall.

(C) Drones that are armored, weaponized, or both.

(D) Controlled aircraft that—

(i) are combat configured or combat coded; or

(ii) have no established commercial flight application.

(E) Silencers.

(F) Long-range acoustic devices.

(G) Items in the Federal Supply Class of banned items.

(2) The Secretary may not require, as a condition of a transfer under this section, that a Federal or State agency demonstrate the use of any small arms or ammunition.

(3) The limitations under this subsection shall also apply with respect to the transfer of previously transferred property of the Department of Defense from one Federal or State agency to another such agency.

(4)(A) The Secretary may waive the applicability of paragraph (1) to a vehicle described in subparagraph (B) of such paragraph (other than a mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicle), if the Secretary determines that such a waiver is necessary for disaster or rescue purposes or for another purpose where life and public safety are at risk, as demonstrated by the proposed recipient of the vehicle.

(B) *If the Secretary issues a waiver under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall—*

(i) submit to Congress notice of the waiver, and post such notice on a public Internet website of the Department, by not later than 30 days after the date on which the waiver is issued; and

(ii) require, as a condition of the waiver, that the recipient of the vehicle for which the waiver is issued provides public notice of the waiver and the transfer, including the type of vehicle and the purpose for which it is transferred, in the jurisdiction where the recipient is located by not later than 30 days after the date on which the waiver is issued.

(5) The Secretary may provide for an exemption to the limitation under subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) in the case of parts for aircraft described in such subparagraph that are transferred as part of regular maintenance of aircraft in an existing fleet.

(6) The Secretary shall require, as a condition of any transfer of property under this section, that the Federal or State agency that receives the property shall return the property to the Secretary if the agency—

(A) is investigated by the Department of Justice for any violation of civil liberties; or

(B) is otherwise found to have engaged in widespread abuses of civil liberties.

(g) CONDITIONS FOR EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year may not be obligated or expended to carry out this section unless the Secretary submits to Congress certification that for the preceding fiscal year that—

(1) each Federal or State agency that has received controlled property transferred under this section has—

(A) demonstrated 100 percent accountability for all such property, in accordance with paragraph (2) or (3), as applicable; or

(B) been suspended from the program pursuant to paragraph (4);

(2) with respect to each non-Federal agency that has received controlled property under this section, the State coordinator responsible for each such agency has verified that the coordinator or an agent of the coordinator has conducted an in-person inventory of the property transferred to the agency and that 100 percent of such property was accounted for during the inventory or that the agency has been suspended from the program pursuant to paragraph (4);

(3) with respect to each Federal agency that has received controlled property under this section, the Secretary of Defense or an agent of the Secretary has conducted an in-person inventory of the property transferred to the agency and that 100 percent of such property was accounted for during the inventory or that the agency has been suspended from the program pursuant to paragraph (4);

(4) the eligibility of any agency that has received controlled property under this section for which 100 percent of the property was not accounted for during an inventory described in paragraph (1) or (2), as applicable, to receive any property transferred under this section has been suspended; and

(5) *each State coordinator has certified, for each non-Federal agency located in the State for which the State coordinator is responsible that—*

(A) the agency has complied with all requirements under this section; or

(B) the eligibility of the agency to receive property transferred under this section has been suspended; and

(6) *the Secretary of Defense has certified, for each Federal agency that has received property under this section that—*

(A) the agency has complied with all requirements under this section; or

(B) the eligibility of the agency to receive property transferred under this section has been suspended.

(h) **PROHIBITION ON OWNERSHIP OF CONTROLLED PROPERTY.**—*A Federal or State agency that receives controlled property under this section may not take ownership of the property.*

(i) **NOTICE TO CONGRESS OF PROPERTY DOWNGRADES.**—*Not later than 30 days before downgrading the classification of any item of personal property from controlled or Federal Supply Class, the Secretary shall submit to Congress notice of the proposed downgrade.*

(j) **NOTICE TO CONGRESS OF PROPERTY CANNIBALIZATION.**—*Before the Defense Logistics Agency authorizes the recipient of property transferred under this section to cannibalize the property, the Secretary shall submit to Congress notice of such authorization, including the name of the recipient requesting the authorization, the purpose of the proposed cannibalization, and the type of property proposed to be cannibalized.*

(k) **QUARTERLY REPORTS ON USE OF CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT.**—*Not later than 30 days after the last day of a fiscal quarter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on any uses of controlled property transferred under this section during that fiscal quarter.*

(l) **REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**—*Not later than 30 days after the last day of a fiscal year, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the following for the preceding fiscal year:*

(1) The percentage of equipment lost by recipients of property transferred under this section, including specific information about the type of property lost, the monetary value of such property, and the recipient that lost the property.

(2) The transfer of any new (condition code A) property transferred under this section, including specific information about the type of property, the recipient of the property, the monetary value of each item of the property, and the total monetary value of all such property transferred during the fiscal year.

[(e)] (o) PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE.—(1) The Secretary shall create and maintain a publicly available Internet website that provides information on the controlled property transferred under this section and the recipients of such property.

(2) The contents of the Internet website required under paragraph (1) shall include all publicly accessible unclassified information pertaining to the request, transfer, denial, and repossession of controlled property under this section, including—

(A) a current inventory of all controlled property transferred to Federal and State agencies under this section, listed by the name of the recipient and the year of the transfer;

(B) all pending requests for transfers of controlled property under this section, including the information submitted by the Federal and State agencies requesting such transfers; and

(C) all reports required to be submitted to the Secretary under this section by Federal and State agencies that receive controlled property under this section.

[(f)] (p) CONTROLLED PROPERTY.—In this section, the term “controlled property” means any item assigned a demilitarization code of B, C, D, E, G, or Q under Department of Defense Manual 4160.21–M, “Defense Materiel Disposition Manual”, or any successor document.

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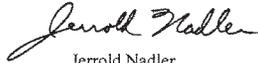
Dear Chairman Smith:

I am writing to you concerning section 365 of H.R. 7120, the "Justice in Policing Act of 2020."

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this legislation. I recognize that section 365 of the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Armed Services. I acknowledge that your Committee will not formally consider H.R. 7120 and agree that the inaction of your Committee with respect to the bill does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the matters contained in H.R. 7120 which fall within your Committee's Rule X jurisdiction.

I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the *Congressional Record* during floor consideration of the bill. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work with you as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,



Jerrold Nadler
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Dear Chairman Nadler:

I am writing to you concerning H.R. 7120, the "Justice in Policing Act of 2020." There are certain provisions in this legislation that fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee.

In the interest of permitting your Committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, we will not formally consider H. R. 7120. We do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill, the Committee on Armed Services does not waive any future jurisdictional claims over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction.

Please ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the *Congressional Record* during floor consideration of the bill. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this matter and others between our respective Committees.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
 Chairman

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Minority Views

Following the murder of George Floyd while in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department, Americans across the political spectrum have called for a bipartisan response to address police misconduct. On June 8, 2020, House Democrats introduced H.R. 7120, the Justice in Policing Act of 2020, sponsored by Representative Karen Bass.¹ Committee Democrats drafted its 135-page bill and a subsequent substitute amendment to the bill without any attempt at serious consultation with Republicans on this Committee. In doing so, Chairman Nadler and the Democrat Majority chose to prioritize political messaging over crafting consensus-based, effective legislation.

Chairman Nadler and Committee Democrats have affirmatively chosen not to work cooperatively with Republicans on this legislation. Prior to the introduction of H.R. 7120, Republicans reached out to Democrats to inquire if they would be willing to share legislative text for review by Committee Members. Democrats rejected that request. Republicans asked if Democrats would be willing to share a summary or section-by-section analysis of the bill. Democrats responded that all materials were under embargo until the bill was introduced. Likewise, Democrats allowed no consultation with Republicans in the drafting of Chairman Nadler's amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Chairman Nadler and the Democrat Majority's refusal to work collaboratively with Republicans—or even to share basic information about the legislation—prevents the Committee from developing sound public policy. Although Republican Members agree that police reform is needed and even support some aspects of H.R. 7120, the proposals must be thoughtfully considered so as not to endanger the public or law enforcement officers by creating under-resourced and over-restricted police departments. Such a deliberative process did not occur with this bill. Because the Democrat Majority shut Republicans out of the process and rushed to pass this legislation, several of the provisions within H.R. 7210 have serious shortcomings.

I. H.R. 7120 AS DRAFTED WILL HANDICAP LAW-ABIDING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND MAKE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES LESS SAFE

Lowering the mens rea standard—Section 101

Section 101 of the bill would change the mens rea standard when charging an officer with criminal misconduct from “willfulness” to “knowingly or recklessly.” Currently, to be convicted of a crime, an officer must specifically intend to “deprive a person of a federal right made definite by decision or other rule of law.” The lower

¹H.R. 7120, 116th Cong. (2020).

standard of “knowingly or recklessly” would allow an officer to be convicted without having a specific intent to deprive a person of a federal right. While law enforcement officers who commit crimes must be held accountable for their actions, lowering the mens rea standard could have unintended adverse consequences to public safety. Law enforcement officers often find themselves in situations that require split second decisions under considerable stress. In those harrowing moments, hesitation and second-guessing can be dangerous—and perhaps deadly—for the officers and the public. This section will cause law enforcement officers to hesitate the next time they encounter these difficult decisions.

Removal of the qualified immunity doctrine—Section 102

Section 102 of the bill would single out federal law enforcement officers, along with state and local law enforcement and correctional officers, for reduced protection under the qualified immunity doctrine. Under the judicially-created doctrine of qualified immunity, government actors, such as police officers, teachers, and social workers, are shielded from alleged constitutional or statutory violations as long as their actions “[do] not violate ‘clearly established’ statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known.”² Thus, qualified immunity serves to protect government officials from civil liability for their misconduct in certain instances while on the job.³ Under this bill, Democrats eliminate qualified immunity for law enforcement officers, while preserving the existing standard for all other state and local officials, many of whom have less complex and dangerous jobs than law enforcement officers.

The removal of qualified immunity for law enforcement officers will have a detrimental effect on local communities. The Supreme Court has noted that “[q]ualified immunity gives government officials breathing room to make reasonable but mistaken judgments about open legal questions.”⁴ One commentator has also noted that the doctrine seeks to “strike a balance” because “you don’t want to have a legal system or an officer who is going to shirk from doing their duty.”⁵ If the qualified immunity doctrine is no longer available to law enforcement officers, law enforcement agencies could have more difficulty in attracting and retaining qualified and talented people as law enforcement officers. The net result would be more dangerous communities and neighborhoods.

Establishment of a National Police Misconduct Registry—Section 201

Section 201 of the bill requires the Attorney General to establish a public registry maintained by the Department of Justice (DOJ) that contains complaints against federal, state, and local police officers (including complaints that have not yet been adjudicated), discipline records, termination records, records of lawsuits and settle-

² *Harlow v. Fitzgerald*, 457 U.S. 800, 801 (1982).

³ CHARLES DOYLE, CONG. RESEARCH SERV., WSLG1825, POLICE LIABILITY FOR LESS THAN EXCESSIVE FORCE (2017).

⁴ *Ashcroft v. al-Kidd*, 563 U.S. 731, 743 (2011).

⁵ Devin Dwyer, “Qualified immunity” for police getting fresh look by Supreme Court after George Floyd death, ABC NEWS (Jun. 4, 2020), <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/police-immunity-rule-fresh-supreme-court-george-floyd/story?id=71044230>.

ments, and officer certifications. While Committee Republicans are supportive of transparency and holding bad officers accountable for their misconduct, the composition of the public registry under section 201 is problematic. A national public registry that includes unadjudicated complaints, or complaints that were determined to be unfounded, raises serious due process concerns for the law-abiding law enforcement officers subjected to unadjudicated or unfounded complaints.

Limiting federal programs that provide military equipment to law enforcement—Section 365

Section 365 seeks to drastically limit the Department of Defense’s (DOD) 1033 program. This program, created through section 1033 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 1997, allows law enforcement agencies at all levels of government to receive surplus equipment such as bulletproof vests, helmets, and armored vehicles. This equipment—some of which may be financially unobtainable for local law enforcement agencies—protects law enforcement officers and the communities they serve during dangerous situations.⁶ Equipment transferred under these programs has also been used to rescue victims in emergency situations such as natural disasters.⁷ Recognizing the value in this program, President Trump signed an executive order in 2017 that restored the program after it had been scaled back under the Obama Administration.⁸ As a result of section 365, state and local law enforcement agencies, and especially those that exist in jurisdictions with budget shortfalls, will be less equipped to serve their communities in emergencies.

II. REPUBLICAN AMENDMENTS REJECTED BY THE DEMOCRAT MAJORITY WOULD HAVE IMPROVED THE LEGISLATION

During the Committee’s business meeting to consider H.R. 7120, Republicans offered a dozen amendments to improve the base bill. Chairman Nadler and the Democrat Majority declined to accept—or even serious entertain—a single amendment offered by Republicans. Democrats missed a unique opportunity in the wake of national calls for bipartisan reform to actually work across the aisle and pass meaningful legislation.

Improving police accountability

Republicans offered amendments to improve police accountability. Although the bill requires state and local law enforcement agencies to expand their use of recording equipment in their day-to-day operations, Democrats rejected an amendment offered by Representative Armstrong to require federal law enforcement agencies record all interviews in connection to the investigation of a federal offense. Similarly, although Democrats asserted that the bill

⁶ Adam Goldman, *Trump Reverses Restrictions on Military Hardware for Police*, N.Y. TIMES (Aug. 28, 2017), <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/28/us/politics/trump-police-military-surplus-equipment.html>.

⁷ Kari Blakinger, *Military surplus program saved lives during Harvey, Houston-area law enforcement say*, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, October 22, 2017.

⁸ Adam Goldman, *Trump Reverses Restrictions on Military Hardware for Police*, N.Y. TIMES (Aug. 28, 2017), <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/28/us/politics/trump-police-military-surplus-equipment.html>.

is designed to increase accountability for police officers who commit misconduct, Democrats rejected an amendment from Representative Cline that would have prevented union collective bargaining agreements from standing in the way of holding bad cops accountable.

Strengthening penalties for lynching

Included among the amendments that the Democrat Majority refused to support was an amendment from Representative Gohmert that provided meaningfulness to the Justice for Victims of Lynching Act, including in H.R. 7120 as Title IV. A crime as heinous as lynching deserves to be punished with a greater penalty than merely up to 10 years imprisonment. The amendment offered by Representative Gohmert would have augmented the allowable sentence to any term of years, including life and death. After Chairman Nadler announced his opposition to the amendment on the basis of it including the death penalty, Representative Gohmert offered to remove the death penalty language. Chairman Nadler and the Democrat Majority nonetheless rejected the amendment.

Ensuring adequate border security

Representative Gaetz offered an amendment to ensure that those agencies engaged in border securities activities would still have access to excess DOD property through the 1033 program. These agencies are fighting against violent cartels, human traffickers, and smugglers on a daily basis. Democrats rejected this amendment on a party line vote.

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All Americans want safe communities. All Americans want effective, transparent, and accountable policing. The Justice in Policing Act—conceived, introduced, and marked-up on a purely partisan basis—regrettably falls short of securing those goals.

Chairman Nadler and Committee Democrats had an opportunity to work collaboratively with Republicans to produce comprehensive, well-designed legislation to improve policing in America. President Trump has issued a bold executive order on police reform and House and Senate Republicans have introduced carefully considered legislation, the Justice Act, in each chamber. However, in a failure of leadership to meet the historic moment, Chairman Nadler chose not to solicit or seriously consider any Republican proposals. The result is a partisan piece of legislation with virtually no hope of becoming law.

The Committee process in reporting H.R. 7120 to the House floor demonstrates that Democrats would rather have an election-year talking point than a bipartisan bill that offers true advances in police reform. It is apparent that Democrats drafted this bill more to satisfy their far-left base who support efforts to defund, dismantle and disband the police than to secure Republican support. In an election year, Chairman Nadler and House Democrats chose partisanship over policy-making, and politics over police reform. Americans deserve better.

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