

Senate Bill 731 Call Script:

Hello *[REPRESENTATIVE NAME]*, my name is *[NAME]* and I live in *[CITY]*. I am calling to ask that you support Senate Bill 731 in the current legislative session. SB 731 is the most important civil rights legislation before the California Legislature this year. SB 731 will strengthen the Bane Act, the existing civil rights remedy that holds police officers accountable who violate individuals' rights. This bill also will make sure that officers who commit serious misconduct cannot continue bouncing from department to department. Please support this important bill.

[Personal story here if applicable.]

Additional talking points regarding SB 731:

- Congressional Republicans and President Trump have continued to block reforms that aimed to limit the scope of qualified immunity.
- California needs to lead the nation by passing SB 731, which eliminates immunity to police officers who violate our Constitutional rights.
- SB 731 also creates a process to revoke the professional licenses of abusive police officers who violate the law.
- California is one of only 5 states that has NO process to decertify abusive cops to ensure they cannot be hired again as police officers.
- There is no other occupation with more power and responsibility. California gives police a license to kill, with no ability to revoke it if they abuse their authority.
 - More than 200 professions require licenses that can be revoked if they violate their licensing rules--from barbers to doctors.
- For too long, our communities have been hurt by police officers who move from one department to the next, dodging disciplinary action for their brutality and abuse of power.
- At least 630 officers in California were convicted of a crime over the last decade, and reports have found at least one in five are still working as cops in our communities.
- This bill will ensure the officers we employ to uphold our laws are held to basic standards and removed from our communities when they violate them. Officers who have been fired for excessive force, sexual misconduct and dishonesty should not be able to patrol our communities.
- SB 731 will make California a leader in the nation in ensuring police accountability and justice for victims of police misconduct. It will provide relief to Californians that Republicans in Congress and the White House have denied us. Please vote to support SB 731!