

Hello *[REPRESENTATIVE NAME]*,

My name is *[NAME]* and I live in *[CITY]*. I am emailing you to urge you to support SB 731, the most important civil rights legislation before the California Legislature this year.

More than 200 professions--from barbers to doctors--require licenses that can be revoked if they violate their licensing rules. Police officers are not included among these. 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. California is one of only five states that has NO process to decertify abusive cops to ensure they cannot be hired again as police officers. At least 630 officers in the state 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.

Officers who have been fired for excessive force, sexual misconduct and dishonesty should NOT be able to patrol our communities. Congressional Republicans and President Trump have continued to block reforms that aimed to limit the scope of qualified immunity on a federal level, making clear that it is up to the states if we want to see meaningful change. SB 731 will make California a leader in the nation in ensuring police accountability and justice for victims of police misconduct. Please support this important bill.

Sincerely,
[NAME]