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Dear House/Senate Judiciary Committee:

I am a Rhode Island voter writing to urge support for [S360](#) / [H5567](#), to “Repeal LEBOR”.

In order to rebuild public trust and improve relationships between law enforcement and our community, we can longer deny there are problems with policing nationwide. Many communities see law enforcement as a threat to their personal safety.

It's irrational for law enforcement to become defensive when a police officer gets caught breaking the law, as if it's impossible to have any corrupt police officers. If a teacher was arrested and on the news all the other teachers wouldn't become defensive.

In order to rebuild public trust and improve relationships between law enforcement and our community, we have to be willing to hold law enforcement officers accountable. LEBOR has created a culture where officers can go rogue, become as corrupt as they like, and abuse people with immunity.

2023 will be the 4th year in a row that we try to pass S2233 & H5567 “Sexual Assault - This act would establish criteria for the criminal offense of sexual assault when victim 1 is in the custody of a peace officer.” If the system wasn't broken, we wouldn't need to create news laws to protect civilians from law enforcement and the government.

Nobody should be above the law, but the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights provides special protections to police officers that allow them to avoid punishment when they commit unlawful acts. By repealing LEOBOR, we will ensure that all police officers have to fully comply with our legal system – just like everyone else – and we will help to reduce unlawful police violence.

Please, vote YES on [S360](#) / [H5567](#) so we can increase public safety and rebuild trust within our community.

Sincerely,

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