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With letter I stand in opposition to this current proposed HB 2196. With newly passed legislation, any serious acts of wrongdoing will now require decertification of any police officer. I feel this bill gravely discriminates against Law Enforcement Officers, as it does not apply to any other government employees. Why only police officers? Furthermore, it would weaken a locality's ability to defend itself against frivolous lawsuits. Please defeat this bill.

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