

I am a Black adult male. My name is Mark. I have lived and worked throughout Hartford county communities for decades. I am writing to express my support for "6462 use of force". I grew up in the City of Hartford, CT and the Hartford public school system. When I was robbed and physically assaulted riding my bicycle, the perpetrators were black males. The police made the arrest. On one occasion my automobile was stalled on the highway and I was given help from the police.

Crime is on the rise. I work in Hartford, CT and have lots of family and friends that live in Hartford. I purchase lunches in Hartford. Routinely we exchange observations, conversations about shootings and car thefts throughout Hartford and its neighboring cities and towns.

Law enforcement needs our communities' support and the support of our local state and federal politicians. I do not worry about a shortage of applicants to the CT State police or suburban towns. Rural and suburban towns have lower crime rates and the residents are more supportive of police. I do speculate a shortage of police applicants to inner city police departments as crime rises and political support of law enforcement shrinks. I do not need an expensive study for me to know that when police powers are scaled down crime goes up!

Government is important and should be accessible. Zoom government does not work well for the average constituent. Zoom government limits access from the press and inquiring constituents. Politicians use distorted zoom signals to dodge tough questions or follow up questions. Open the multi-million dollar Legislative Office Building and let us get back to real government of the people with the people, live and in person.

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What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up; like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore; And then run?
-Langston Hughes