

To Chairman Hull & members of the committee,

I sincerely request you reject bill H 5815 to put local police forces onto college campuses. Most troubling in this bill is having the local police unit respond to non-emergency situations. If it is a non-emergency, why do armed police have to be there? In recent years, especially this past year, it's been shown how using alternative non-law enforcement responses is proving to work better in situations like a mental health episode. Putting more armed police into the environment will really only serve to escalate those kinds of cases, it unfortunately still happens all too often.

Thank You,

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