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Opposition to H8310

Hello,

My name is Bhintuna Maharjan, and I have spent the last four years of my life in Classical High School. Tomorrow will be the day that I will graduate, and in the last four years there has never been a cause for an officer to be at my school, and I don't believe there ever will be. I don't want future students to walk around their schools with officers in there because school. School is an environment for learning and growth. Everyone should feel safe in their schools, and although it may seem to some that having officers in a school will keep people safe, there is so much data that suggests otherwise. If there ever is a conflict in a school, that should never be cause for an officer to be involved. Kids should never be treated as criminals, they should be treated as humans. Officers aren't trained to support kids, their existence will only intimidate our students. Please, if you actually care about our students, do not put officers in our school.

Sincerely,
Bhintuna Maharjan