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NO, do not put cops in every school!

My name is Kristi Martel. I live in Cranston. My daughter attends public school. I absolutely oppose putting cops in public schools. I oppose Bill #H8310. Not only does this traumatize black and brown children, but also survivors of domestic violence, like me and my child. All of our youth need counselors, NOT cops! Put money into youth mental health. Only teaching white males how to feel more than just anger and how to deal with loss will stop mass shootings in schools. Scaring the rest of us with more cops will only make things worse.

I say no to cops and to guns in schools! I say no to criminalizing black and brown children.

Uvalde and Parkland are clear examples of cops in schools NOT preventing gun deaths in schools. But mental health counseling for the shooters, who were themselves from households with domestic violence, could have prevented those deaths.

Please do the right thing, or lose my vote.

Kristi Martel

Sent from my iPhone

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