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I'm writing in support of making Probation Officers considered public safety officers. I was a PO for 27 years, and although I don't have enough time to explain it all to you, please understand that POs deal with the criminal justice population during every step of the process. We see them in their homes, when they're freshly arrested, when they're detained or incarcerated, and when they're at court. I've been screamed at and threatened in my office. I've gone to neighborhoods that most people would be afraid of, where the police only patrol with partners. I was armed with nothing but empathy for my offenders, firm boundaries, and excellent situational awareness. Believe me, it's risky to be a PO, and it's time for RI to respect and support us.

Thank you,

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