

## **Repeal or Reform of LEOBoR Testimony**

**April 4, 2023**

To the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Dominic Vincent and I stand for a repeal (bill #5567) or a reform (bill #5888 or #5567) for the Officer's Bill of Rights in Rhode Island. Ideally, a repeal would ensure the safety of Rhode Islanders, but a reform bill would be a step in the right direction as well.

My family and I have been personally impacted to an unimaginable degree by the excessive use of force of law enforcement. Specifically, Officer Daniel Dolan's use of a deadly weapon to have a "fatherly chat" with me on the night of June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. According to Dolan, speeding was enough to warrant a discharge of a firearm. The incident shows the poor judgement officers of the law may have at times. While some officers truly protect and serve as they should, we must not protect those who endanger innocent lives. Police officers who conduct themselves with the safety of their communities in mind do not have to worry about a potential change to LEOBoR, as they do not put themselves in situations where they need the protections of LEOBoR.

I would have liked to present my opinions in person, however, the emotional toll of speaking in front of so many individuals regarding my nearly fatal interaction with Officer Dolan is too much for me to handle currently. I want to personally thank all of the representatives who have proposed changes to LEOBoR, as they have the wellbeing of the community at the forefront of their policy making.

Sincerely,

