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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR,**

Date: 01-15-2021

To: The Editor of Media

From: Ford County Sheriff, Mark R. Doran

Subject: Law Enforcement Support

Dear Editor,

I would like to publicly thank Senator Jason Barickman, Representative Thomas Bennett and the others for voting against the criminal justice reform bill that was passed on the morning of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The passage of this bill will affect all our lives in one form or another. It will embolden the career criminals of our society to take advantage of situations this new criminal justice reform bill now creates. It will cause law enforcement officers to be hesitant at the blink of an eye decision that needs to be made for the preservation of their lives or the lives of others. This bill puts even more stress on an already stressful profession that everyday on the job could bring about violence, chaos and death. I have been in law enforcement for 30 years. My experience has taught me that this criminal justice reform bill will make our lives and property less safe. For those like Senator Jason Barickman and Representative Thomas Bennett that took the difficult stand to publicly support law enforcement, we certainly thank you. We human beings in law enforcement will still be out there in your community's doing our best to protect and serve all of you.

Sincerely,



Mark R. Doran  
Sheriff of Ford County, Illinois