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SHERIFF JOHN GESE RELEASES STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 5919

Please refer to the below message from Kitsap County Sheriff John Geese, and subsequent letter attachment signed by Sheriff Geese and the Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners, regarding support for Senate Bill 5919, which enacts practical changes to police reform laws.

“The Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners and I recently sent the attached letter to the Washington State Representatives and Senators representing Kitsap County, asking for support of Senate Bill 5919 and support of practical modifications to recently enacted police reform laws.

Legislators, as well as local government and law enforcement officials, recognize the need for modifications to these recent laws. We want to keep our communities safe and protect citizens from crime. We also believe that law enforcement should be held to the highest standards and accountable to their communities. However, in order to hold police to the highest standards and accountable for their actions, laws must provide clear definitions, well defined and reasonable expectations, as well as provide the proper tools for law enforcement to do their job.

We urge our local legislators to support the proposed legislation and other similar reforms being considered in this session of the Washington State Legislature.

As Sheriff, I urge our citizens of Kitsap County to reach out to their legislators ~~to~~ and ask that they support this piece of legislation and critical changes in the laws to support law enforcement and our communities.”

Sheriff John Geese

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