

Redeemer Lutheran Church Service and Advocacy and Outreach and Evangelism Ministries are encouraging people across MN to lobby their State Senator and Legislative Representative* to support the following specific bills and topics:

- **End Qualified Immunity (HF 1104, SF 580):** This bill ends qualified immunity as a legal defense for police misconduct.
- **Require Police to Carry Professional Liability Insurance (HF 440, SF 815):** This bill creates a requirement for law enforcement officers to carry professional liability insurance as a condition of employment. Employing agencies may pay the base but any additional premiums based on officer conduct will be the officer's responsibility.
- **Strengthen Civilian Oversight (HF 640):** This bill repeals MN Stat. 626.89, subd. 17 which prohibits civilian oversight bodies from making findings of fact in complaints against police.
- **End Police-Only Responses to Mental Health Crisis Calls (HF 1686, SF 1924):** This bill directs mental health crisis calls to the mobile mental health response units that already exist in every county in the state.
- **End the Statute of Limitations for Wrongful Deaths by Police (HF 717, SF 2021):** This bill eliminates the statute of limitations for wrongful death civil suits, enabling families of people killed by police to seek justice. The bill includes a 5 year look back and eliminates the statute of limitations for sexual assault by police.
- **Create an Independent Investigatory and Prosecutorial Body for Police Critical Incidents:** This bill creates an independent investigatory and prosecutory body for incidents where police kill or maim a person.
- **End Prosecution for Reporting Police Misconduct (HF 2201):** This bill repeals MN Statute 609.505, subd. 2 which allows police to prosecute people for complaining about them.
- **Require Access to Body Worn Camera Footage in Police Critical Incidents within 48 Hours (HF 1103, SF 807):** This bill allows families and their legal representatives access within 48 hours to unredacted body-worn camera footage in police critical incidents.
- **End No Knock Warrants (HF 1762, SF 2139):** This bill prohibits police officers from obtaining no knock warrants except under narrow circumstances.

*To locate your MN Senator and House legislative Representative, go to <https://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/> and enter your zip code. To obtain more information about specific bills and topics, go to <https://www.leg.mn.gov/>. To easily send one message to your Senator, Legislator and the Governor in support of all of these bills, go to <https://action.cair.com/a/action-alert-mn-coalition-justice-george-floyd-and-all-stolen-lives-demands-police-reform>

National Legislation:

The **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act** passed the U.S. House of Representatives in early March, but remains bogged down in the U.S. Senate. The legislation would ban chokeholds and end qualified immunity for law enforcement – the legal protection for police officers that limits victims' ability to sue for misconduct. It would ban no-knock warrants in federal drug cases, mandate data collection on police encounters and create a nationwide police misconduct registry to help hold problematic officers accountable. The bill would also prohibit racial and religious profiling and redirect funding to community-based policing programs. Please contact your U.S. Senators to support this Act.

Pass this information on to people you know and ask them to do the same!