

# For the Blue Policing Questionnaire: 2022 Mid-terms U.S. Senate & House of Representatives Candidates

*Note: I added the "Riots & Mayhem" question after I had already sent the questionnaire to several of the candidates. In the cases where that question wasn't on their original questionnaire, I re-sent it separately.*

## Increasing violence towards police officers

Police officers are increasingly being slaughtered on American streets for the simple act of wearing a uniform and badge. Ambush-style attacks on cops were on the [U.S. Department of Justice's radar in 2015](#). And in 2021 alone, there was [a 115% increase in these deliberate and calculated acts](#) over the previous year, the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) recently reported. This trend has continued into 2022.

To help stem this tide, Representative John Rutherford (FL) crafted the [Protect & Serve Act of 2021](#) (S.774 / H.R. 3079). In short, it makes it a federal offense to purposefully target a police officer in specific circumstances. If found guilty, an offender could face up to 10 years in prison or a term of life if the officer dies as a result of the attack.

The bill thus far has 73 co-sponsors in the U.S. House; the sole Wisconsin co-sponsor is Rep. Bryan Steil.

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Questions: If possible, please explain your answers.

1. If elected, would you add your name as a co-sponsor to the *Protect & Serve Act* or similar legislation on the Senate side?
2. If elected, would you vote for the *Protect & Serve Act* or similar legislation?

## Riots & mayhem

The riots during the summer of 2020 resulted in ambushes on police officers, burned cities, destroyed cities, and injured civilians. It goes without saying that the events of January 6 were also unacceptable, and thus are being prosecuted.

Question:

Do you disavow this, and if it were to happen again, what would be your response?

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