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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The United States of America continues the historical exploitation of and violence against marginalized groups that has helped form the foundations of its prosperity; and

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WHEREAS, The modern police state has emerged from the institutions of slave catchers and strike breakers, which were later repurposed for use in upholding Jim Crow laws and for the suppression of the civil rights movement; the State of Illinois has a history of racially-biased policing and brutality by law enforcement and corrections officers, and prior attempts at reform have been unsuccessful; and

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WHEREAS, There has been a lack of correlation between increased police spending and feelings of safety or decreases in crime; and

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WHEREAS, Most crimes are never reported, and those that are reported often go unresolved; and

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WHEREAS, Many of the people in the jails and prisons of Illinois have not been convicted, are awaiting trial, are non-violent offenders, or are at a low risk of recidivism; and

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1 WHEREAS, There are many other data-driven and
2 evidence-based ways to promote peace within our communities;
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we urge every Illinois municipality and county to cut 10% of
7 funding to law enforcement agencies that do not adopt and
8 comply with an appropriately robust reform program; and be it
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10 RESOLVED, That an appropriately robust reform program
11 would ensure law enforcement officers are held accountable for
12 misconduct, policing agencies are held accountable for
13 creating policies and priorities with public input that are
14 transparent and evidence-based, and policing agencies' budgets
15 are reviewed to ensure resources are used for holistic public
16 safety and have transparency for police budgetary items; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That we urge municipalities and counties to
19 review municipal and county codes for the over-criminalization
20 of minor offenses and the criminalization of poverty or other
21 status; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That we urge the State of Illinois to do the

1 following:

2 (1) Set a statutory minimum requirement for the use of
3 lethal and less lethal force;

4 (2) Set minimum standards for the training, equipment,
5 and deployment of tactical teams, with a requirement to
6 report the relevant data on all deployments;

7 (3) Limit the use of and access to invasive
8 surveillance technologies by police agencies or private
9 companies contracted by police agencies, with oversight on
10 how data is collected and handled;

11 (4) Limit the use of traffic and pedestrian stops
12 through the limiting of the use of reasonable suspicion
13 stops for certain categories of offenses, requiring
14 officers to inform individuals that they have the right to
15 refuse to consent to a search and requiring reasonable
16 suspicion of evidence or contraband before searches;

17 (5) Limit arrests for low-level offenses and offenses
18 where summonses and citations are adequate replacements;

19 (6) Establish standards for policies on the release of
20 body cam footage;

21 (7) Require recordings of interrogations for accounts
22 of the interrogations to be admissible in court;

23 (8) Allow for the appointment of special independent
24 investigators or prosecutors for critical incidents;

25 (9) Re-evaluate the role of police unions in the
26 setting of policy;

1 (10) Require policing agencies to release to the public
2 all department policies, information on the policing
3 agency's use of surveillance technologies, complaint data,
4 and crime and call for service data;

5 (11) Mandate data collection and reporting for all
6 enforcement actions;

7 (12) Review criminal codes and consider
8 decriminalizing low-level offenses for which arrests
9 and criminal penalties are inappropriate; and

10 (13) Discourage the use of police stops as a deterrent
11 to criminal activity, rather than investigating it;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 delivered to the families of those harmed by police violence,
15 county and municipal boards, relevant state agencies, and
16 Governor JB Pritzker.