

WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MARK WASYLYSHYN
Sheriff



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Chief Deputy

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Dear Senator Theresa Gavarone,

This letter is in support of SB 16. There should be zero tolerance of excessive force against citizens. Nothing is worse than a bad law enforcement officer. We are a land of laws and cannot function as a society without law enforcement.

Fortunately, a vast majority of officers get it right and do not use excessive force. There are thousands of law enforcement encounters every single day 24 hours a day 7 days a week that have positive outcomes. Unfortunately, it only takes 1 bad encounter to have a tragic ending.

Critical Incident Training and other de-escalation trainings are very important. There are many costs associated with running a law enforcement agency. Most expensively is the cost of the officers. They must be compensated well to attract and retain the right service minded individuals. This costs money which cannot happen if various law enforcement agencies get defunded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark Wasylyshyn'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Wasylyshyn

P. S. I was the President of the BSSA in 2017 and serve on the Board of Directors of the National Sheriff's Association and serve on the Executive Committee