

Testimony for HB 38

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Chair Bacon, Vice Chair Dolan, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Criminal Justice Committee, I believe that in today's climate of lack of respect for our people in uniform, our men and women must be protected. Especially when it is becoming clear that some of these same people are using violence instead of peaceful protest. Our fellow citizens and noncitizens need to know that any crimes perpetrated towards our Men and women in uniform that our there to protect us will be treated with zero tolerance! I am a proud member and Past Commander of VFW Post 7647 and have recently joined AFOP lodge 28 to help support the Police. I am actually surprised that a law such as this doesn't already exist. I highly recommend that this bill becomes law as soon as possible.