

Peaceful demonstrations are an important part of democracy and any threat to them is limiting the people's constitutional rights. Holding organizers accountable for rogue or even planted disruptions is in effect, limiting freedom of speech and the right for peaceable assembly. "prohibit bias motivated intimidation of first responders" is a direct attack on the rights of people of color from expressing their passion about their cause as any such expression may be interpreted by a first responder of a different cultural group as bias. In addition, when officers intimidate peaceful marchers, as I saw in Cleveland at the George Floyd demonstration on May 30, 2020, the response of members of the assembly may be perceived as intimidating the officers. If only the officers could be counted on to truly be "peace" officers, such a demand of the crowd might be reasonable. I did not witness that in Cleveland that day or other occasions when I was harassed for proceeding in a manner already cleared by the office of Public Safety.