

There is no evidence of an increase in citizens impeding and preventing officers from performing their official duties. Adding failure to follow a lawful order and diverting the attention of a law enforcement officer will only broaden the scope in which law enforcement can penalize citizens. This regressive measure will only create more low-level felons.

HB-22 will lend more opportunity for police abuse of power, leaving citizens vulnerable and their rights exploited. If citizens witness police misconduct and have reasonable objections, the answer is not to create laws that penalize those good Samaritans, the answer instead, should be, to seek laws that welcome accountability and discourage police misconduct.