
Subject: Statement on SB 18 from Russ not sent to Fontaine yet

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Dear Friends in the Kansas Senate:
Re: SB 18

Occupy Wichita supports Senate Bill 18. On body cameras will protect people from bad cops and they will protect cops from bad people. This is not the whole solution to the current injustices taking place, but it is an excellent start. In Wichita, mentally ill people have been shot, others tased while they are already down and assaulted. The expenditures for cameras will likely pay for themselves in that they will reduce complaints and expensive lawsuits against police brutality and excessive force and at the same time, reduce incidents of force by police against citizens.

It is inconceivable that bad cops who assault and kill people when there are other non-lethal alternatives suffer no consequences. Allowing this to go on sullies the reputation of all cops. Cameras are not the whole solution, but they are a good start. Adequate procedures are necessary for a successful outcome. With responsible use, on body cameras will help increase accountability and transparency which are necessary components of good policing and good relations with the communities.

Thank you for your attention,

Russ Pataky
Occupy Wichita

On Tuesday, January 27, 2015 11:29 PM, Janice Bradley <janbrad89@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Friends in the Kansas Senate:

The Peace and Social Justice Center supports Senate Bill 18. We hope you will pass this important legislation for the protection of the Kansas public, some of whom have been treated unjustly but have little recourse. This will also support law enforcement in several ways: 1) It will help those officers who obey the law and perform their duties responsibly , and 2) It will help in prosecuting actual offenders, both among the public and among the officers.

As far as the cost goes, we have no doubt that the cameras will pay for themselves in the long run, by making investigations much more efficient.

Thank you for your attention,
Laura Tillem, Vice-Chair, Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas

