



SUPPORTING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Our law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day, and they deserve our support and commendation.

The criminal justice system is one of the foundational pillars of our society. The law enforcement personnel who serve and protect our communities deserve all the tools they need to keep us safe. Providing disincentives for crime and opportunities for rehabilitation is the best way to curb our growing prison population.

Highlights of Sen. Thune's Commitment to Law Enforcement

Back the Blue:

- Sen. Thune firmly opposes efforts to vilify law enforcement in this country, including the far-left's 'defund the police' movement and the anti-police rhetoric it generates.
- Sen. Thune firmly opposes any effort to tie law enforcement officers' hands behind their backs while serving on the front lines.
- Violence against law enforcement officers is unacceptable and must be punished, which is why Sen. Thune introduced [legislation](#) that would create federal penalties for individuals who deliberately target local, state, or federal law enforcement officers with violence.

Grants for Local Law Enforcement:

- Sen. Thune supports federal grants that allow our law enforcement personnel to secure the training and equipment they need to protect our communities.

Sentencing Reform:

- Sentencing reform is needed to ensure our already crowded prisons do not become overcrowded, which would cost taxpayers even more money.
- Reforms should not reduce sentences for violent crimes.

Terrorists are Enemy Combatants, Not Common Criminals:

- Sen. Thune firmly opposes transferring Guantanamo Bay detainees to the U.S. Terrorists, like the Boston bombers, should be treated as enemy combatants and questioned by counterterrorism personnel, and they should not be granted the rights and legal process available to common criminals.