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Dear Mr. Chair Williamson and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

To pass HB 3338 would be a huge mistake. Disarming law enforcement officers, and thereby eliminating an important tool needed to keep the peace, sends a disturbing message to the criminal element. That message is: "If you decide to commit a violent crime on a college or university campus, there will be no one to stop you."

Unarmed police officers are observers and nothing more. What is the point in having a police force if they are rendered impotent. You might as well disband all campus police departments if you vote to disarm them. They will serve no purpose other than to call the real police if and when there is a violent situation.

Respectfully

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