

DEADLY FORCE TRANSPARENCY ACT

National Statistics on Deadly Force Transparency Act



Bill Number

This bill was introduced in the House as H.R.630 by Rep. Steve Cohen (TN-9).

Purpose of Bill

This bill will require the Attorney General to collect comprehensive, publicly available data from law enforcement agencies in all cases when an officer uses deadly force. Law enforcement agencies will also be required to keep these data records for at least four years. Noncompliant state or local governments will have their federal funding reduced.

Action Request

Urge your Senator or Representative to support and cosponsor this act, especially if they are in the House Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. Thank them if they have already done so.

Talking Points

- **LGBTQ people, especially transgender people, have been historically subject to police violence and brutality.** This bill aims to hold law enforcement agencies accountable for acts of violence and decrease that violence.
- **Many LGBTQ people are also members of other communities vulnerable to police violence and brutality.** People of color, low income communities, and immigrant communities are more likely to experience violence from police than their peers.
- **Law enforcement agencies must gain the trust of minority populations in order to fully protect and serve them.** By cultivating transparency in law enforcement agencies, this bill will help pinpoint areas where law enforcement agencies can improve.