



House of Representatives  
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## **H.R. 7120, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2020** ***Sponsor: Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA)***

Following the murder of George Floyd in the custody of the Minneapolis Police Department, Americans across the political spectrum have called for a bipartisan response to address police misconduct. Instead of heeding the call for bipartisan reform, Democrats have delivered a partisan bill that will make our communities less safe by impeding the ability of good police officers to do their jobs effectively. Republicans, however, have introduced the JUSTICE Act, which focuses on meaningful police reform, accountability and transparency.

- **The Justice in Policing Act is a partisan election-year maneuver – not real reform.**
  - *H.R. 7120 was developed without any Republican input or consideration.* Rather than examining the issue in detail, holding hearings with experts, and gathering data, Democrats have put forward extreme measures to appease their base. There is room for bipartisan consensus on reform, but Democrats have ignored this opportunity in their rush to bring H.R. 7120 to the floor.
  - *Democrats rejected Republican attempts to improve the bill.* Republicans offered a dozen thoughtful amendments during the markup, including amendments to:
    - strengthen the anti-lynching provision;
    - ensure our Border Patrol has the necessary equipment to fight dangerous cartels;
    - prevent unions from shielding bad cops in collective bargaining agreements; and
    - require that federal law enforcement agencies record interviews.Democrats rejected every one of these common-sense proposals.
- **The Justice in Policing Act makes our communities less safe.** H.R. 7120 does nothing to address the dangerous and irresponsible decision by some local officials to defund, dismantle, or disband police departments. The bill will also leave police unequipped to deal with dangerous or life-threatening situations by limiting the ability of police departments to obtain surplus materiel from the federal government.
- **The Justice in Policing Act prevents police from effectively serving their communities.** H.R. 7120 is designed to keep cops in their cars, rather than in their communities responding to calls for help. The bill limits the tools and procedures that police can use in the field, and endangers their careers by requiring unsubstantiated and unadjudicated complaints against law enforcement officers to be made public, including complaints that were later found to not be credible.