

I'm Gregg Marchand from Willimantic, CT. I oppose r.b. 1104 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MILITARIZATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. I will read an editorial I had written with some additional comment.

About the police being military like in Ferguson, Mo. Seems sketchy on the police side because of our U.S. First Amendment; [in short] the right to assemble'. I find it difficult to know that police have this type of force and fire power to put against the citizens yet they are not being randomly drug tested including for the Anabolic Steroid. Everyone in the U.S.A. armed forces gets randomly tested which is the military so it goes hand and hand our U.S. military gets randomly drug tested police [military] gets randomly drug tested including for the Anabolic Steroid too

It's kind of funny because we call state police 'troopers' and their police house is called a 'barracks'. Which are descriptions we use for people in the armed forces. Employees that have random drug testing have a high - risk safety sensitive occupation. We all know police have a high - risk job yet they are not getting the random drug testing under that category which is a breach of our safety.

Anyone that drives while working for a town or state and the driver gets in an accident. The driver gets tested immediately yet police never get tested after a car accident or for anything else. Except for maybe one or two towns in Connecticut.

Which shows police are above the law. We must be sure police are acting in the proper state of mind while being on duty.

A main reason to have police randomly drug tested including for the Anabolic Steroid is to be sure they are acting in the proper state of mind while on duty and held to the higher authority they are supposed to be held to not running amuck as many do.

Also state troopers and I believe all town police have in their contract police can be randomly drug tested under a 'Reasonable Suspicion', which is implemented by the Superiors. This never happens anywhere in any police force in Connecticut.

In all occupations there's a protocol list of wrong doings if you do one of those things you get tested to be sure it was a real accident and not produced by a mind - altering drug. There's no such list for policeman. So the Reasonable Suspicion rule in their contract is a farce, which is why it must become State law, to be sure random drug testing happens to these armed law upholding police, because it's not happening internally. Thank you
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