## PROPOSITION 130 BACK THE BLUE

DEDICATED FUNDING FOR RECRUITING, TRAINING, & DEATH BENEFITS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT



## THE PROBLEM

Crime has been soaring in Colorado.



Between 2019 and 2022, **crime grew 20 percent in Colorado** – the fastest increase in the nation.



According to figures compiled by the Common Sense Institute, Colorado is third nationally in property crimes and eighth in violent crimes.



Violent criminals are getting back on the streets after serving **only 43% of their sentence.** 



In 2022, the cost of crime statewide was **\$27 billion or \$4,623 per person.** 

The crime status quo is clearly not sustainable.

## THE SOLUTION

The best way to fight crime is with a strong, well-trained corps of crime fighters across Colorado. This ballot measure directs the legislature to **take \$350 million they already collect from taxpayers and use it to create a law enforcement fund.** This fund will help recruit, train, retain, and reward the best and brightest law enforcement officials and peace officers. This will provide more resources, more manpower, and more support to make Colorado's communities, streets, and schools safer. The measure will also create a \$1 million death benefit for the surviving family of officers killed in the line of duty.

## THE BALLOT LANGUAGE

"Shall there be a change to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning state funding for peace officer training and support, and, in connection therewith, directing the legislature to appropriate 350 million dollars to the peace officer training and support fund for municipal and county law enforcement agencies to hire and retain peace officers; allowing the fund to be used for pay, bonuses, initial and continuing education and training, and a death benefit for a peace officer, police, fire and first responder killed in the line of duty; and requiring the funding to supplement existing appropriations?"

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