

Jimmy Stephens

To: Steven Gaynor
Subject: RE: FOP questionnaire

Craig,

Thank you, for the opportunity to respond to the questionnaire. Due to staffing and time constraints, we won't be able to do the questionnaire justice. I apologize for that.

Instead, as the leading Democratic candidate for the open US Senate seat (see polls below), I want you to know that I support and value the work that our police do for us every day to keep the peace and make our communities better places to live. Thank you.

I do feel that the moment calls for reform. I have endorsed the #8cantwait proposals. I admit that I am not a policing expert, but as a reasonably intelligent lawyer and lay person, these reforms makes sense to me. I would absolutely be open to hearing concerns on the other side, but I think many or most or all of these reforms would be good steps.

I oppose defunding.

As you may know, my father was a true champion of first responders. I would want to carry on in that tradition if I'm honored to serve Georgia as our United States Senator.

In the attached picture, I'm wearing the New Haven police union jacket of our family's late and very dear friend/brother/uncle, Jimmy O'Connell. He was my dad's right hand man for decades and a part of the family. He died too young of a heart attack. I'm honored to have received this jacket, which I am proud to wear. In fact, I wore it on the day of my dad's last election to the Senate in 2006 in Jimmy's memory, and I wear it from time to time still.

I hope this gives you a sense of me and where I stand. Again, I'm happy to continue the dialogue but we won't be able to respond precisely to the questionnaire.

All the best, and stay well.

Matt

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Poll: <https://t.co/0IVunX8Awj>

Poll: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uBfK_lfPGqCT-Bv9YWhXaD_bDcJBTIN4/view

Announcement video: <https://youtu.be/3-zTa5fMFkl>

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