

As crime soars across the country, Jared Golden said he was "honored to be endorsed" by groups that support defunding the police. He even voted for Nancy Pelosi's anti-police bill which could make it harder for local police to keep our communities safe.

BACKUP:

In 2020, murders in the United States spiked more than 27% and rose again in 2021; in January 2022, PBS reported that reported that there has been on "a troubling rise in gun violence and homicide across the country":

- **In 2020, murders in the United States spiked more than 27 percent and in 2021 murders went up again – resulting in homicide rates that had not been seen for decades.** “In 2020, murders in the United States spiked more than 27 percent – the largest percentage increase in at least six decades. Last year, murders went up again. Those murders resulted in the deaths of thousands more Americans, and returned the U.S. to homicide rates not seen since the mid-1990s. (While murders and violent crime overall are up, other crimes are down.)” (German Lopez, “Examining the Spike in Murders,” [The New York Times](#), 1/18/22)
- **In January 2022, PBS reported that there has been a troubling rise in crime across America.** “Recent shootings in New York City have spotlighted a troubling rise in gun violence and homicide across the country. Amna Nawaz reports on why violent crime has increased and how cities can prevent it.” (Amna Nawaz and Tess Conciatori, “What’s behind rising violent crimes in the U.S., and how they can be reduced,” [PBS](#), 1/27/22)

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- **In January 2022, Golden posted that he was “honored to be endorsed by NARAL and Planned Parenthood Action Fund.”** “I’m honored to be endorsed by NARAL and Planned Parenthood Action Fund. I believe that politicians have no business being involved in the private medical decisions made between a woman and her healthcare professional.” (Jared Golden for Congress, [Facebook](#), 1/7/22)



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- **Planned Parenthood Action Fund supports defunding the police.** “Planned Parenthood Action Fund – in solidarity with patients, staff, and supporters – stands with the Movement for Black Lives’ call to defund the police. Defunding the police means investing less in militarizing police forces and investing more in community-based solutions, education, and health care.” (Planned Parenthood Action Fund, “Defunding the Police: What it Means and Why Planned Parenthood Supports It,” [Blog](#), 7/9/20)
- **NARAL Pro-Choice America supports defunding the police.** “NARAL Pro-Choice America supports the demands of the Movement for Black Lives, including defunding the police and investing in Black communities, which are a response to hundreds of years of systemic oppression and the failure of reforms to address urgent needs and injustices. Budgets reflect our priorities. As such, the call to defund the police is also a call for investment in Black communities—in urgent needs that are currently underfunded, like access to healthcare, education, social services, and more. Through this investment, we can work to make sure every person, every parent, and every family is able to thrive.” (NARAL Pro-Choice America, “Racial Justice,” [Website](#), Accessed: 9/2/20)
- **In the 2020 election cycle, Golden was endorsed by Feminist Majority.** (Feminist Majority, “Endorsements,” [Website](#), Archived: 9/13/20)
 - **The Feminist Majority Foundation supports defunding the police.** “The time is long overdue to heed the calls to defund the police and make real changes to end the racism that both endangers and terrorizes millions of Black Americans.” (Feminist

Majority, "The Feminist Majority Foundation Stands with the March on Washington Against Police Brutality," [Press Release](#), 8/28/20)

In June 2020, Jared Golden voted for Nancy Pelosi's anti-police bill, H.R. 7120, that could restrict funding for local police departments and could help accused criminals while preventing police officers from utilizing commonly used methods and techniques to protect families from crime:

Editor's Note: Golden [voted against](#) similar legislation in March 2021.

- **In June 2020, Jared Golden voted for H.R. 7120.** (H.R. 7120, [Roll Call #119](#), Passed 236-181, R 3-180, D 233-0, I 0-1, Golden Voted Yea, 6/25/20)
 - **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other top Democrats unveiled the bill, which has been reported as "far-reaching legislation to overhaul policing in the United States."** " House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and other top Democrats in the House and the Senate on Monday unveiled far-reaching legislation to overhaul policing in the United States as protests over excessive force by law enforcement against African Americans and others have gripped the nation. The bill, called the 'Justice in Policing Act,' would ban chokeholds, including the kind used by a then-Minneapolis police officer in the death of George Floyd last month, as well as no-knock warrants in drug cases, as was used in the incident leading to the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky, in March, according to a House Democratic aide and a bill summary obtained by NBC News." (Leigh Ann Caldwell and Rebecca Shabad, "Congressional Democrats unveil sweeping police reform bill that would ban chokeholds, no-knock warrants in drug cases," [NBC News](#), 6/8/20)
- **The bill restricts the use of certain policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies receiving certain federal policing grants.** "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would establish reporting and oversight requirements related to policing data and restrict the use of certain policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies receiving certain federal policing grants. It would restrict a number of policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies that receive federal funding, including to prohibit the use of 'no-knock warrants' to execute searches in drug cases; the use of deadly force, including chokeholds, except as a 'last resort' to prevent imminent injury to an officer or another person; and the use of deadly or 'less lethal' force before exhausting reasonable alternatives, including de-escalation tactics...It would eliminate 'qualified immunity' protections for law enforcement officers by prohibiting legal defenses based on an officer acting 'in good faith' or the purported absence of 'clearly established' law." ([CQ Summary, H.R. 7120](#), Introduced 6/8/20)
- **The bill would withhold funding to state and municipalities for not enacting prohibitions on chokeholds and no-knock warrants.** "The Justice in Policing Act of 2020 would ban chokeholds, establish a national database to track police misconduct and prohibit certain no-knock warrants, among other initiatives. The bill, which has more than 200 Democratic co-sponsors, contains several provisions that would make it easier to hold officers accountable for misconduct in civil and criminal court...The bill seeks to ban chokeholds, carotid holds and

no-knock warrants in drug cases at the federal level, while pressuring states and municipalities to enact similar prohibitions by withholding funding.” (Paul Kane and John Wagner, “Democrats unveil broad police reform bill as Floyd’s death sparks protests nationwide,” [Washington Post](#), 6/9/20)

- **“Beginning in the first fiscal year that begins after the date that is one year after the date of enactment of this Act, a State or unit of local government may not receive funds under the Byrne grant program or the COPS grant program for a fiscal year if, on the day before the first day of the fiscal year, the State or unit of local government does not have in effect a law that prohibits law enforcement officers in the State or unit of local government from using a chokehold or carotid hold.”** (H.R. 7120, [Bill Text](#), Introduced 6/8/20)
- **The bill would shift the standard to determine whether police officers are justified in using force and ban some policing maneuvers.** “The bill would shift the standard to evaluate whether use of force was justified from whether the use of force was reasonable to whether it was necessary. It would ban chokeholds and carotid holds in the police force and no-knock warrants for drug cases, following the death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Ky., who was fatally shot as police allegedly executed a no-knock warrant on the wrong house.” (Morgan Phillips, “Justice in Policing Act: What’s in the Democratic police reform bill,” [Fox News](#), 6/8/20)
- **H.R. 7120 would reform qualified immunity, removing protections for police officers.** “The ‘Justice in Policing Act’ would reform qualified immunity for police officers. Qualified immunity was meant to allow officers to perform their duties without fear of having to defend themselves against insubstantial claims for damages. It was meant to protect all but the plainly incompetent or those who knowingly break the law.” (Morgan Phillips, “Justice in Policing Act: What’s in the Democratic police reform bill,” [Fox News](#), 6/8/20)