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DC Police Union Statement on the Compensation and Development of Extraordinary Trainees (CADET) Act

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On April 28, 2023, D.C. Councilmember Brianne Nadeau unveiled legislation that purports to expand the Metropolitan Police Department's Cadet Corps, a program that prepares young D.C. residents to enter the police force.

Unfortunately, Councilmember Nadeau's Compensation and Development of Extraordinary Trainees (CADET) Act is nothing more than a shameless effort to back pedal on her years of demonizing police officers and calling for the MPD to be defunded. She has also earned a reputation as someone who despises victims and coddles criminals.

The Act, which seeks to increase the number of Cadets, will do nothing to replace the 1,200 police officers that have left the agency since 2020. The department averages 25 cadets rolling over into police officers per year. That is the same number the department is losing per month.

If Councilmember Nadeau actually cares about "bolstering MPD recruitment and retention" as she stated in her press release, she should move to repeal the two dozen subtitles in the CPJRAA that have decimated the MPD over the past three years. A bill that she strongly supported and voted for.

D.C. Police Union Chairman Gregg Pemberton stated, "Councilmember Nadeau should be ashamed of herself for what she has done to the MPD during her tenure, and we do not support her ineffective legislation that seeks to do nothing more than improve her reputation."

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