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Dear SF Police Commission,

I'm a 20-year cop, earned a B.A. in Criminology/Law Studies from Marquette University where I graduated Phi Beta Kappa, have been awarded a gold Medal of Valor, and am the author of the nonfiction books *400 Things Cops Know* and *Police Craft*. I frontload all that in the hopes that it may make you pay attention to this email. Curtailing the use of pretextual stops is a serious mistake. The pretextual stop is one of the best tools law enforcement has to take dangerous criminals off the street. Criminals don't tend to turn themselves in. The police have to find them. And pretextual stops are one of the best ways to accomplish that. As a street sergeant, I consistently read reports that document pretextual stops that have resulted in arrests of wanted felons, gotten guns off the street, and helped to rescue victims of human trafficking. Limiting pretextual stops compromises public safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

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