

Rep. Angie Craig's Record of Support for Law Enforcement

Rep. Angie Craig is a strong supporter of law enforcement, and she looks forward to continuing this partnership when she is re-elected. Her record stands for itself. She was the first member of the Minnesota congressional delegation to publicly oppose the 2021 Minneapolis ballot initiative to dismantle the Minneapolis police department. She has voted to increase funding for both local and federal law enforcement every year she has been in Congress. The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, Dakota County Sheriff Tim Leslie and retired Hastings Police Chief Brian Schafer have endorsed her 2022 re-election campaign.

Rep. Craig has secured millions of dollars in funding for public safety, community oriented policing programs and police safety initiatives.

- In FY 2021, Rep. Craig secured [\\$3,197,577](#) for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety through the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) program.
- In FY 2022, Rep. Craig [voted](#) for more than \$2.2 billion in state and local law enforcement assistance grants which included funding for officer training, opioid abuse research and more.
- In 2021, Rep. Craig [secured](#) \$3,750,000 in COPS hiring program funding to help the City of Saint Paul hire 30 additional officers.
- In 2022, Rep. Craig secured \$2,868,392 for Minnesota through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program, including \$36,113 for Dakota County.

Rep. Craig has supported and helped pass many pieces of bipartisan legislation to support law enforcement agencies, police officers and their families.

- In September 2022, Rep. Craig introduced the [Ride-Along Resolution](#) to require each Member of the House to participate in a ride-along with a law enforcement officer during their first year in Congress.
- In March 2022, Rep. Craig helped [introduce](#) the bipartisan *Public Safety Officer Support Act* to extend death and disability benefits to the families of officers who die by suicide, officers disabled by PTSD or officers who attempt suicide. President Biden [signed](#) the legislation into law in August.
- Rep. Craig is an original [co-sponsor](#) of the *Invest to Protect Act*, which would provide \$50 million in grants for small and mid-sized police departments to invest in training, equipment, personnel support, and mental health resources.
- Rep. Craig is an original [co-sponsor](#) of the *Pathways to Policing Act*, which would address the police shortage across the country by establishing a new grant program targeted at law enforcement.
- Rep. Craig is a [co-sponsor](#) of the *Protect and Serve Act*, which would establish a new criminal offense for knowingly assaulting a law enforcement officer.

Despite Rep. Craig's strong and consistent record of support for law enforcement, her Republican opponent has falsely claimed that she supports the "defund the police" movement. Rep. Craig was the first Minnesota elected official to publicly oppose eliminating the Minneapolis Police Department.

- **CLAIM:** Because Rep. Craig voted for the *George Floyd Justice in Policing Act*, she wants to defund the police and supports ending qualified immunity.
 - **FACT:** Rep. Craig has voted repeatedly to fund the police and understands that retaining qualified immunity is a critical element of law enforcement's recruitment and retention efforts.
- **CLAIM:** Rep. Craig's staff posted on social media in support of defunding the police.
 - **FACT:** Rep. Craig employs staff from across the political spectrum, including both Democrats and supporters of former President Trump, and she does not agree with everything her staff believes.
- **CLAIM:** Rep. Craig attended a "defund the police" fundraiser in Los Angeles.
 - **FACT:** In 2021, Rep. Craig attended a fundraiser hosted by Minnesota State Senator Jim Carlson's (SD-51) daughter. Rep. Craig's opponents are using a single tweet from a person in the group referenced in their attack ad to try and tie her to the "defund the police" movement. "Defund the police" did not come up at the fundraiser in question and the group was not associated with the fundraiser.