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**NED LAMONT STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF STATE POLICE
CAPTAINS AND LIEUTENANTS**

Yesterday, the Connecticut Supreme Court heard arguments in a case that will decide whether State Police captains and lieutenants are eligible to join a union. Businessman and potential candidate for governor Ned Lamont issued the following statement:

"Connecticut cannot afford to play politics and waste precious government resources by allowing 22 police command positions to go to unfilled. The fact that two of the three major crime squads and other critical units are without command officers is unacceptable. Allowing State Police captains and lieutenants a voice on the job is an essential right and critical to ensuring our safety."

"There is no justification for circumventing the rights of the hard-working men and women who put their lives on the line for us on a daily basis. Workers in our state deserve better. I agree with both the Attorney General's opinion and the Superior Court ruling, and I stand with the captains and lieutenants in confidence that the courts will resolve this issue correctly and expeditiously."

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