

Write In

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A Representative Not A Politician

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## Big Government Bully Tactics are an Affront to States' Rights

August 4<sup>th</sup> Rep. Keller signed on as co-sponsor to the "Defund Cities that Defund the Police Act," a fact touted in a brief article in Thursday's edition of The Daily Review (9/3). According to Congress.gov, the proposed Act would "prohibit a jurisdiction that defunds the police from receiving grants under certain Economic Development Assistance Programs and the Community Development Block Grant Program."

The Federal Government has no Constitutional authority in state and local policing, so Rep. Keller and others would create an authority for themselves through extortion, holding local governments hostage, bullying them into doing things a certain way with blatant disregard for their rights.

Municipalities across the country are struggling with racial and socio-economic injustice and criminal justice reform. In looking for new ways to address these entrenched problems, some are considering defunding the police, scrapping the current system entirely and building something new. While this is not a plan that I would endorse for our community, who am I, and who is Rep. Keller, to say what is right for another community.

What ever happened to small government and local control? To consideration of local preferences in addressing the needs of their own community?

As the Representative of the 12<sup>th</sup> District, I would work with communities to assist them in any way that I could to achieve the solutions that they choose for their local area. I may present ideas and participate in problem solving, but I would not tell them what their solutions should or should not be.

This bill is yet another example of the Federal Government and politicians like Rep. Keller, acting in a parental role towards the states and limiting States' rights "for their own good."

We don't need a parental Federal Government limiting our rights.

We need a partner in the Federal Government, protecting our rights.

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