

Letter in Response to Ms. Abrams:


I would like to respond to the following quote from gubernatorial candidate Ms Abrams who attacked Georgia Law Enforcement in the recent debate.

*“ I’m not a member of the good ole boys club. So, no, I don’t have 107 sheriffs who want to be able to take Black people off the streets, who want to be able to go without accountability.”*

We are living in the most transparent period in Law Enforcement history. Everyone has a smart phone, officers have body cam recordings and the media follows up on all allegations of misconduct reported. The truth of enforcement activities are plain to see by anyone who takes the time to look at the facts presented before the courts, grand juries and prosecutors.

All deputies and detention officers working at the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office are dedicated to serving every citizen of Franklin County. We have had two officers make the ultimate sacrifice serving our community. I find the recent comments made by Ms. Abrams to be both extremely offensive and disturbing coming from a person who states she wants to represent all Georgians.

The Georgia Sheriffs Association is a professional organization that serves all 159 counties and all citizens in the state. I stand with our president, Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie, in his condemnation of Ms. Abrams’ above remarks during the recent debate.

  
Steve Thomas, Sheriff  
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