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Honorable Mayor:

As a deterrent to crime in this city, suburbs, state and country, do not veto the much needed STOP AND FRISK LAW.

Results certainly proves that crime has increased since the courts and laws have become "soft" toward criminals. There is little reason for any criminal to be frightened in any way as they are almost assured of no reprimand.

Give our POLICE the power to protect all "honest citizens" and not the criminal or potential criminal. We cannot condone law breaking in any form and STOP AND FRISK is a good step forward. Do not be misled by letting the Negro think it is aimed at his race. This is foolish! Our greatest crimes of prominent people recently is not committed by a negro. This is a necessity to protect all citizens and the negro as well. If I am innocent, I will not object to be stopped, questioned, or frisked; only the guilty would object to questioning. Or perhaps certain people attempting to use this as an added wedge between white and black.

You need to do everything in your power to protect the law abiding citizen in Detroit. As it is now, we are not safe anywhere. We need stricter laws and stricter judges.

Haven't we learned by past experiences? Last summer's riot! Had the police been able to do their job quickly many lives would have been saved and some of the money you are needing now could have been saved and used to better the community. It may be necessary to lose a few lives in the beginning of riots but in the long run innocent people will be saved and most of all our police and firemen, National guards, etc.

We need STOP AND FRISK LAWS! We need more jails to punish the law breakers and not just for a short while--make it worthwhile--so they will think before acting.

An interested Citizen M. K...

The Gun Law will be a mistake--criminals will obtain guns and they will not register them. We need to be able to protect ourselves if our governments won't. Also it will be easier for the communists to take over if

It happened in other...

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