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To the Editor.

Dear Sir:

There must be a great many citizens in Detroit thoroughly fed up with irresponsible charges of brutality against the Police Dept., by pressure groups who apparently make no effort to reduce the high incidence of crime that has become a commonplace characteristic of many of the people they claim to represent.

The potential criminal whatever his age or color, automatically places his life in jeopardy by attempting to commit a felonious act, and if he is killed in the process he alone is responsible; and not the lawful representative of a society rightfully concerned with its own protection. No sensible police officer will risk his life in an attempt to enforce the law if he cannot count on the staunch backing of his superiors. Destroy police morale and confidence in the department, and you force the citizen to employ his own means of protection. No responsible member of the community welcomes this alternative.

Let us offer support rather than unwarranted criticism to a body of men who are, on the whole, dedicated to the difficult and thankless job of protecting a sometimes indifferent society.

Sincerely yours,

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cc; to Supt. Eugene Reuter
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