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## Humphreys Backs the Blue

A Guest Opinion by Ed Humphreys  
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Idaho backs the blue! Slogans like this are often tossed around to show support for law enforcement. After attending the Back the Blue Rally Friday night in Caldwell I was inspired and moved by the stories shared by our officers. Every Idahoan, and especially every elected public servant, must consider what “backing the blue” really looks like in action.

If we truly listen to law enforcement, then we’ll get the direction Idaho needs to continue embracing law and order. Idaho ranks 43 in the nation for violent crimes despite having a ratio of only 17 officers to every 10,000 people. We have some of the best and hardest working cops around. If you truly support these everyday working heroes, there are some important things our state is facing that you need to be aware of.

First, Idaho CANNOT legalize or decriminalize drugs in any way, shape, or form! You don’t get to say you back the blue but ignore them on this vital issue. Some folks are screaming there’s medicinal benefits to drugs and people should be free to get completely whacked out of their mind. No thank you. There can be ONE state in America that celebrates family values along with law and order.

Second, I called for a moratorium on refugee resettlement in Idaho back on August 10th because it’s wrong to put MORE work on the backs of our incredible officers. First-responders, teachers, and nurses can’t afford housing in our state, yet we are going to import hundreds of families and provide them with guaranteed taxpayer funded housing? Not to mention that a rapist refugee convicted in Idaho from 2010 was just brought BACK into the United States. We are a giving people, but we also need to know when giving can hurt the giver and the receiver. Backing the blue means no more refugees in Idaho until we can appropriately handle them.

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Lastly, our law enforcement deserves more from us for putting it all on the line every day. It was heart-wrenching to hear the stories of lifelong friends lost while responding to a call. Officers carry a weight on their shoulders that the rest of us can't even comprehend. Hearing them recount the stories of their suffering and loss instilled an even stronger sense in me that we must do so much more for them. Elected officials need to have serious discussions and take action to deliver more resources to law enforcement, including expanding prison capacity and offering tools to tackle corruption in government.

I'm calling on all Idahoans to seriously consider if you back the blue. If you do, then I hope to hear solidarity with officers on these issues. We can't say we support them and ignore them. They are the ones who bear the ultimate price for our mistakes. God bless our great law enforcement officers; may we all open our ears and hearts to their message.

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