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**Subject:** Terminate Officer Ben Fields

Dear Sheriff Lott:

I write to demand the immediate termination of Officer Ben Fields

I viewed eyewitness video footage, now circulating on Twitter, taken in a classroom by a student at Spring Valley High School, see <https://twitter.com/ShawnKing/status/658746548076027904>. The video shows Officer Fields violently place a female student, seated in a classroom chair, in a chokehold, flip her to the ground, and then drag her to the front of the classroom. The student attacked by Officer Fields was seated casually immediately before Officer Fields assaulted her, slumped in her chair, her head resting on one hand. There is nothing to demonstrate any need for Officer Fields brutal treatment of this teenager. That the teenaged girl was allegedly "verbally disruptive" in the classroom in no way should EVER result in such violence from any police officer under your supervision.

This is a disgrace. Thousands have already seen and been appalled by this video. Officer Fields and the Richland County Sheriff's Department can no longer neglect to address the pattern and practice of excessive force engaged in by Officer Fields and potentially other officers under your watch.

Signed,

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