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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION STOPS LOWERING STANDARDS FOR POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS

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President Donald J. Trump declared an end to lower standards in the name of discriminatory “diversity, equity, and inclusion” initiatives — and the Trump

Administration continues to make good on that commitment to prioritize merit, not divisive race-based obsessions, in hiring.

Yesterday, Attorney General Pam Bondi announced the Department of Justice (DOJ) dismissed several Biden-era lawsuits against police and fire departments who used race-neutral mechanisms — such as standard aptitude tests, physical exams, and credit checks — in their hiring processes, the result of which lowered standards and endangered public safety.

- **DISMISSED:** *United States v. City of Durham (North Carolina)*
 - The Biden DOJ alleged discrimination because entry-level firefighter applicants were required to pass a written exam. The city was required to provide compensation and preferential hiring to applicants who were not hired.
- **DISMISSED:** *United States v. Maryland State Police*
 - The Biden DOJ alleged discrimination because applicants were required to pass a written exam and basic physical exam. The agency was required to provide compensation and retroactive seniority to applicants who were not hired.
- **DISMISSED:** *United States v. Cobb County (Georgia)*
 - The Biden DOJ alleged discrimination because firefighter applicants were required to complete a written exam and credit check. The county was required to provide compensation and preferential hiring to applicants who were not hired.
- **DISMISSED:** *United States v. City of South Bend (Indiana)*
 - The Biden DOJ alleged discrimination because police applicants were required to pass a written exam and basic physical exam.

Americans deserve the best of the best keeping them safe — and in the Trump Administration, anything less is unacceptable.

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