

To: Judiciary Committee
From: Adrian Stroud
Re: Draft LCO #3471 An Act Concerning Police Accountability
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It has become chillingly obvious that there is a widespread attack taking place on our nation's police officers. I served nearly 30 years as a police officer in Connecticut, and I have family that are police officers in Connecticut. I understand the violent nature of our criminal element and I have been the victim of line of duty assaults by these individuals. This bill is ill conceived and will result in disastrous effects on our police, leading to unsafe conditions in our cities and towns.

The police need our support now more than ever, and they do not need to be interfered with, in carrying out their duties. The level of violence that exists in society nowadays can only be dealt with by our police and no other agencies or individuals have the training and expertise to carry out this function. There is no systemic racism in Law Enforcement. Police officers are hard working, courageous, self sacrificing men and women who risk their lives, every day, to help people, with little financial reward.

Without the police, we are all surely doomed. The structure of Law Enforcement as it stands in Connecticut should not be changed. It has been refined over many years, carried along by the sacrifices of the officers who have served for generations. **Please do not carry forward with this bill.** Our officers are suffering financially already. They must be protected by qualified immunity, otherwise I predict, the police will be so demoralized that this will create a paralysis of action on their parts. This will not serve, or protect the community.

Thank you,

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