

Dear esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly,

My name is Alison Jalbert, and I live & vote in Hartford. I am writing in support of LCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA) with amendments.

I support:

- allowing towns and cities to form civilian review boards with subpoena power;
- outlawing police search without probable cause, even with consent;
- outlawing police officers from asking for any documents (Green Card/Immigration Docs) other than a driver's license at traffic stops;
- mandating duty to intervene if an officer witnesses excessive force;
- ending qualified immunity for officers who violate civil rights;
- banning stop and frisk;
- the demilitarization of Connecticut Police Departments, including disposal of existing equipment; and
- requiring officers to display their badge.

I disagree with:

- increasing funding for municipal/state police departments;
- adding social workers to police departments (social workers should NOT work under police departments); and
- police and politicians making up 12 out of 20 members of Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST). POST should be made up of a majority of civilians, not politicians and police.

This bill is only a starting point. It does not divest from policing or reinvest in other community services, which will be necessary to address the root of the problem. You have an opportunity to pass strong legislation that will make Connecticut safer for all of our residents, especially our residents of color.

Sincerely,

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