

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Amber Kelly and I live & vote in New Haven, CT. I am writing in support of LCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA) with amendments.

As a Clinical Social Worker, I am familiar with both the need for crisis response, as well as experiences of police violence had by many vulnerable residents across the state of Connecticut. As the daughter of a police officer myself, I understand the dangers this position of employment can bring, as well as the dangers that an unaccountable police force can bring. Our communities need safety, and unfortunately it is sometimes police that make members of our community unsafe. Because of my experiences, as well as the experiences of my fellow community members, I support AND DISAGREE WITH the following aspects of this bill.

I support:

- **Allowing Towns/Cities to Form Civilian Review Boards w/Subpoena Power**
- **Outlawing Police Search w/o Probable Cause, Even w/Consent**
- **Outlawing Police Officers from Asking for any Documents (Green Card/Immigration Docs) Other than Driver's License at Traffic Stops**
- **Mandating Duty to Intervene if Officer Witnesses Excessive Force**
- **Ending Qualified Immunity for Officers who Violate Civil Rights**
- **Banning Stops and Frisk**
- **Demilitarization of CT Police Depts, Including Disposal of Existing Equipment**
- **Require Officers to Display their Badge**

I disagree with and do not support:

- **Increasing Funding for Municipal/State PDs**
- **Adding Social Workers to PDs. *Social Workers Should NOT Work Under Police Departments.***
- **Police and Politicians Make up 12/20 Members of Police Officer Standards and Training Council. Council Should be Dominated by Civilians not Politicians/Police**

This is just a starting point and doesn't divest from policing or reinvesting in the community as well as a moment in Connecticut's history that we cannot let pass by. You have an opportunity to pass strong legislation that will make Connecticut safer for all of our residents, especially our residents of color.

Thank you for your service of our state,

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