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Testimony on LCO #3741- An Act on Police Accountability
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To State Senator Winfield and State Representative Stafstrom and Members of the Judiciary Committee.

We want to thank you for your work on this crucial issue, and believe this bill will move us towards greater police accountability in our state, which is essential if we are to achieve a more just and equitable society.

Police are supposed to serve everyone equally. Their responsibilities demand accountability if the people they are supposed to be serving are to have faith in them. People of color are too often treated differently by the police and by the overall judicial process. The alarming number deaths of people of color by police and the lack of accountability for these deaths is unacceptable

This bill represents a good start in tackling some of these issues. Connecticut has a long way to go in addressing white supremacy beyond police accountability and we pledge to work with you and allies to do this, especially as it pertains to health, education, housing, environmental justice and wealth accumulation.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,
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