

Dear Senator Winfield, Rep. Stafstrom, Ranking Members Kissel and Rebimbas, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Anna Marie and I'm a lifelong CT resident and current resident of Willimantic, CT. I am writing with regard to LCO #3471 and would like to voice my concerns with the proposal. I love the idea of holding police accountable for their actions, but I am also interested in a transition towards a society that does not require heavy policing and instead relies on community-based support.

Therefore, I would suggest a version of this proposal that refunds police and re-funds education, health care (including mental health services), affordable housing, and other important social services and public goods. I would support this bill IF it contained additions measures addressing these issues in the form of detailed amendments. Additionally, I am uncomfortable with granting police the authority to police themselves without an independent body to evaluate their actions and power to decertify officers.

Thank you,

Anna Marie
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