

Dear Connecticut Legislators,

My name is Anna Terrill and I am a Southington, CT resident. I'm writing to you in support of passing LCO #3471 concerning police accountability. Police should be held to the same standards as everyone else and should not be living above the law.

However I oppose a couple of components of the bill: the increased funding for police, adding social workers to police departments, and the overrepresentation of police and politicians on the Police Officer Standards and Training Council.

Police funding is already higher than necessary and it would be more helpful to start taking some of their funding for social services such as affordable public housing, health insurance, education etc.

Furthermore, social workers should work separately from police departments, not under them. They could answer certain emergency/mental health calls, without any intervention on behalf of the police department.

Lastly for the Council, citizens, not police nor politicians, should have control.

Thank you for your time.

Yours respectfully,

Anna Terrill

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