

My name is Bonita Messman and I live & vote in Westport. I am writing to urge you to pass LCO #3471 An Act Concerning Police Accountability (ACPA) with amendments. This proposed bill includes important reforms. I ask that you include these measures to strengthen the bill further:

- **Stronger Use of Force Standard:** The bill should require that any use of deadly force is “necessary,” rather than the current standard of “objectively reasonable.” The use of force sta
- **Inspector General Hiring & Firing:** The proposed bill includes the creation of an Inspector General to investigate incidents of police use of force, but leaves the hiring & firing of that p
- **Public Right to Record Police:** Ban police officers from taking cell phones or other recording devices without a person's consent or warrant. Give civilians the right to sue police depar
- **Police Failure to Record:** Even with police body & dash cameras adopted by police departments, too often use of force incidents do not get recorded. The bill should establish a rebu

This is 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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