

Hello, My name is Cait Murray. I am a former middle school teacher; I earned a Master's of Social Work and a Master's of Public Administration from Columbia University; and I currently work for the Innocence Project. I am a resident of Bridgeport, CT and I would like to voice my support of LCO #3471. Abuse of power and misuse of force are rampant among state and local police officers in Connecticut and have been for a long time. Although this bill will not solve this longstanding and deeply entrenched issue, I believe it takes a strong first step in bringing accountability to agencies that have inflicted unspeakable harm against our communities. In particular, I think it is crucial that we end qualified immunity. I hope this will be the first of many bills passed by the CT Legislature that responds to the clear and ongoing demands of the community. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. All my best, Cait Murray, MSW-MPA