

Testimony of Captain Brian Wright
LCO 3471, An Act Concerning Police Accountability

My name is Captain Brian Wright and I am a Captain of Investigative Services and member of the New London Police Union, Local 724. I would like to comment on LCO 3471, An Act Concerning Police Accountability

I am a 26 year veteran of the New London Police Department and am proud of the community I serve.

LCO 3471 is a response to recent events that seems to swing the pendulum too far in the other direction. This legislation impacts due process for police officers and gives multiple options to discipline or condemn officers even if they have been found innocent or their actions appropriate multiple times.

I believe that people in the community, as well as police officers, deserve due process. If an officer is found to have made an egregious violation after receiving their due process there are already avenues for that officer to be disciplined or face consequences. This bill is too far of a correction and would limit and reduce the due process rights of police officers. I urge the committee not to restrict due process for officers or limit the ability of officers to serve their respective communities.

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