

Dear Legislators,

As a resident of Thomaston, CT and property owner in Hartford, CT I am writing to support LCO #3471.

I grew up in Connecticut in the Town of New Milford. I will never forget shortly after my return to the State from attending law school, learning how Franklin Reed had been shot in the back and killed by a New Milford police officer. It was heartbreaking.

As a former City of Hartford, Assistant Corporation Counsel I must say there must be a more independent oversight over police conduct, practices and procedures. CT has certainly made strides in these areas and should ensure that there is a 'one strike' policy against bad acting officers. In other words, any bad acts, well-founded against a police officer would ban future employment in police service in the State of CT.

That is why I support LCO #3471 and any other measures that stymie police abuse that is statistically disproportionately harmful to minorities in CT.

Sincerely,

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