

Mr. or Mrs. Chairman and members of the Judicial Committee,

I would like to voice my opinion in the form of email testimony. I am a resident of Connecticut for my lifetime of 58 years.

I understand the need for action as a reaction to recent events. It is high time we stop doing the same thing for our minority communities and expecting different results. The data shows poverty and tough living situations and lack of opportunity are the major contributors to crime. Fix that and police won't feel as threatened as the oppressors of minorities. Police have an extremely tough job and I can't imagine the chaos that would be created if they weren't there to do what they do. **Removing immunity is a terrible idea on a wholesale level.** If there is a way to bring more accountability without hampering an officer's willingness to do their job, than fine. More monitoring through cameras and work on culture seem much more appropriate.

Do not overreact just to show solidarity with an issue. Do not hamper the ability for police to safely do their job for us just because of a few bad apples among thousands of men and women of integrity and character.

Solving the root causes of the crime, poverty, and violence is the bigger and only solution to most of these issues.

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