

My name is Christen Wolfson and I live & vote in West Haven. I am writing in support of LCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA) with amendments.

Thank you for your time today.

I support:

- Allows Towns/Cities to Form Civilian Review Boards w/Subpoena Power
- Outlawing Police Search w/o Probable Cause, Even w/Consent
- Outlawing Police Officers from Asking for any Documents (Green Card/Immigration Docs) (Other than Driver's License at Traffic Stops)
- Mandating Duty to Intervene if Officer Witnesses Excessive Force
- Ending Qualified Immunity for Officers who Violate Civil Rights
- Bans Stops and Frisk
- Demilitarization of CT Police Depts, Including Disposal of Existing Equipment
- Require Officers to Display their Badge

I disagree with:

- Increasing Funding for Municipal/State PDs
- Adding Social Workers to PDs. Social Workers Should NOT Work Under Police Departments as this could easily affect the way they are able to carry out their jobs and will disproportionately affect their clients.
- Police and Politicians Make up 12/20 Members of Police Officer Standards and Training Council. Council Should be Dominated by Civilians not Politicians/Police

This is just a starting point and doesn't divest from policing or reinvesting in the community as well as 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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