Thank you for the opportunity to submit an entry to the Police Accountability Bill Listening Session.

I am a lifelong CT resident and I have lived in Shelton for almost 30 years.

I want the commission to know that CT residents support our men and women in uniform. I do not our police force be defunded in anyway or burdened by insurance liability issues. Please keep the insane idea about defunding our police force OUT OF OUR STATE. I see what is happening in big cities around the country – Seattle, NYC, Chicago – where it is being suggested that police forces be 're-imagined'. We don't want that here. Please give the police force the resources and training that is needed to continue their duty.

I've been involved with a neighborhood home invasion by a convicted felon. The police our here to protect the community and they do just that. The police keep us safe.

Don't try to turn our peaceful state into Seattle or New York. CT residents won't stand for it! Sincerely,

Eileen