

Dear Legislators,

I am a Connecticut resident, my name is Emily Breeze and I live in Guilford, CT. I am writing to express my support for LCO# 3471 "An Act Concerning Police Accountability." I would like to see it strengthened and passed.

Specifically, I would like you to ensure that the recommendations from the New Britain Racial Justice Coalition are taken into account, and that organizations like Black Lives Matter New Haven are given a seat at the table, instead of continuing the state's history of catering to police unions. Police do not need more funds in order to become accountable. They have had their opportunity to hold themselves accountable, and they have failed. It is imperative to the course of justice that we divest from policing and invest in systems that actually prevent crime in our communities, like education, community centers, and local businesses.

Please do everything in your power to move the needle on this very important issue. It is a matter of life and death.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Emily Breeze