I am writing to express my support for LCO #3471 - a bill on police accountability. This bill is a good first start to addressing systemic racism in Connecticut. It will help the police force come to terms with the bias that invariable exists in all police forces across this country and how that bias affects how they do their jobs and how citizens interact with them. It should result in a more educated and responsive police force and help weed out individuals who should not be serving in as police officers. It should help increase the public's trust in the police force. I anticipate that it will result in less inappropriate and unjustified violent behavior among officers. I support more transparency and accountability and I believe this bill will help achieve that.

Thank you

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