

Thank you for sharing my concerns with this legislative body. This bill the Police Accountability Act is a good first steps in moving towards a more just approach to policing in our communities and a more Just America.

As a mother of three young black men, I've had the opportunity to experience some of the extreme backlashes of the existing policies and practices of policing. Therefore , I stand in support of this revised bill.

The policy of mandated use of body cameras at all times while on duty, is one I support as it could improve our current delima. The use would provide the police and the public a real opportunity to view how policing is done. Therefore, when questions are raised in incidents of justification that information is readily available and factual; clear for all to see and hear.

Another policy change that would makes a huge difference in the lives of African Americans and policing is found in the ways officers are trained. The tools officers are provided for their daily interactions with the public are important. We want them to have the right tools to do the job , and do the job right and well. The development of such skills lies in the kinds of things they are taught..trained ...certified to do.

It is proper and important that certification programs and training curriculum emphasize the various responses needed for given situations.

It is also important that officers are knowledgeable of the varied responses to situations. That those trained responses are not limited to an immediate response of draw the gun and shoot; but rather include a mirad of possible responses.

Training programs that provide information on when a social worker , medical doctor, or minister

might be the best option to the response,and officers should be trained by certified individuals in these areas. This training should also be a prerequisite for graduation from the academy.

Thank you for sharing my views with the body.

With God's blessing for a more Just Connecticut.

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