

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of your efforts to draft police accountability legislation. It is a just way forward and part of a necessary “conversation” this country needs to have. As a citizen living in a democracy, I am as much to blame for the police brutality that we have witnessed today. I have been willing to concede to the police the almost absolute powers over life and death in order to protect my privilege and stigmatize poverty. I have failed in my responsibility to build a more just and equitable society and instead rely on the police to manage such injustices how they see fit, while I am willing to look the other way. I need to be held accountable for my intentional blindness and cowardly inaction. I want to change and be part of the necessary change that will make our society better for all. Police reform is part of that change. Please continue in your efforts. They have my full support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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