

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jason Trudeau and I currently live East Windsor, I have been a resident of CT my entire life. I would like to submit this testimony against the proposed Police Accountability Bill. To start, the name "Police Accountability" is incredibly misleading based on the content of the bill. I think everyone would agree they want Police should be accountable for their actions, but this is NOT what this bill does. Rather, by trying to eliminate qualified immunity this bill restricts law enforcement ability to make life saving split second decisions for themselves and others. Decisions which have been upheld by the Supreme Court.

There are some items in the bill that on the surface seem to make sense and seem reasonable, but I feel more time is needed to discuss these issued and come up with a solid plan rather than a knee jerk reaction to appease the misinformed masses. Ironically the same people who would suffer the most if this bill goes into effect. Please consider doing actual research on Police brutality , you will discover that it is a false narrative.

Mandating Police to go for a mental health assessment only delegitimized current EAP programs which actually help Law Enforcement Officers and has previsions for next steps should they not be fit for duty.

Some items like bias based training, transparency, evaluation of social workers responding to calls and others the Police are already doing and have been doing for years. Additionally, chokehold were never allowed by Police. It's seems as though the items put forward here were not even remotely researched which puts into question the entire bill.

Eliminating "military styled" equipment is another item that was not thought out or researched, Some of these items, such as night vision" are readily available to the general public however the bill wishes to prohibit the Police from using item you can get at your local hunting store or have delivered to your door in 2 days by Amazon.

Prohibiting consent searches? What if its for the citizens benefit? This reduces the ability of the Police to actually prevent and stop crime.

The items above are just a few of the items listed that need a second look and better research. This bill is short sided and needs far more attention, research, and input from actual Professional Law Enforcement Officers.

Thank you for you time.

Respectfully Jason Trudeau.