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Distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, I have read the working draft am writing in **opposition to** LCO #3471.

In general, I see this legislation as a knee jerk reaction to media and mob rule mentality and not in response to issues CT is facing. I, as well as others, feel this legislation will inadvertently put our citizens at risk by reducing the number and quality of police officers.

Specifically, the requirement for modestly paid law enforcement to provide their own professional liability insurance (much like a doctor) is absurd. If anything, the police should be better paid.

To continue with the doctor analogy, having a review board of persons not familiar with law enforcement policy, practices and most importantly – experience is about as fair and logical as having a non-experienced board review the work of a surgeon.

I also oppose the PROHIBITION ON CONSENT SEARCHES. This measure eliminates an opportunity to pro-actively enforce laws for what is probably the most common interaction a law enforcement office has with civilians. How often have we read of drug busts resulting from a traffic violation stop? Many times.

In summary, this proposed legislation is very large and expansive and should not be rushed through the legislative process

Thank you for your consideration

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