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Legislators,

This is an important moment in history and an opportunity for Connecticut to resolve some of the issues that lead to the unnecessary loss of life at the hands of police officers who are sworn to protect all of us. The proposed legislation, LCO# 3471 An Act Concerning Police Accountability, is a first step. This includes important steps like banning chokeholds and giving municipalities the ability to form civilian review boards with subpoena power; and importantly eliminates qualified immunity. There are some of you who believe this goes too far. For far too long police who violate the law have not been held criminally or civilly liable and it's beyond time to take steps to change that. Please pass this legislation. This is the first step. In September we will ask you to take further steps to address housing discriminatory practices and equitable education funding among other things. This is your first step and it must pass.

Thank you for your service and careful consideration. Your work in this session will have a great impact on the people of Connecticut.

Best,

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