

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I write today in support of LLCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA) - **with amendments:**

- We must allow cities and towns to form Civilian Review Boards and provide them with Subpoena power. Citizens are demanding we have a voice beyond protesting in the streets.
- We MUST outlaw police searches without probable cause - EVEN WITH CONSENT. Young black and brown people, in particular, are placed in an impossible situation when asked to cooperate - therefore freely giving "consent" is not possible in a world where denying consent could lead to your death.
- We MUST outlaw police from asking for personal documents other than a Driver's License (Green cards, Immigration Docs)
- I support Mandating the Duty to Intervene if a fellow police officer witnesses excessive force. In addition to the **law** holding police accountable when they commit violence against citizens, **we must disrupt the patterns of passive disinterest and lack of accountability when other officers sit idly by watching fellow officers commit crimes by making their behavior criminal as well.**
- I fully support the ban on stop and frisk.
- I call for the demilitarization of CT police departments, including the disposal of existing equipment.

**That said, I do NOT support the following:**

I do not support increased funding for Municipal and State police departments.

I do not support the creation of a system where social workers are part of the police department. Social Workers must continue to support individuals and communities, but should not answer to Police Departments.

I call for the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, currently dominated by Police and Politicians, to be represented equally - or with a majority - of civilians, to ensure that our police are serving the people.

Members of the Committee, this is a critical moment in time and you have the power and the opportunity to do good in the world. Please use your power to support this legislation as a first step towards making Connecticut safer for all of our residents, but especially our residents of color.

Thank you.  
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