

As a citizen of the great State of Connecticut, I am writing in support of the police accountability bill. I am a person who enjoys white privilege and have been horrified by the systemic racism that has devastated, traumatized and killed our black and brown brothers and sisters at the hands of police. The inequities between departments is stunning. The ability for bad cops to be hired down the road after losing their jobs is frightening. The lack of mental health support and screening is putting us all at risk. No one who holds office in our country should ever be immune from prosecution. No one is above the law.

I urge the legislature to stand on the right side of history and pass this important legislation so that we can find pathways to safe community policing where citizens do not have to fear for their lives and can turn to the police for help and support when they need them.

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