

Dear Senator Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Kissel, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Remimbas, Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for holding the listening session. Sen. Winfield, thank you for your leadership on this vital matter.

I'm writing in SUPPORT of LCO 3471. As a board-certified clinical psychologist, I am specifically in favor of the proposals to:

- Require evaluation of using social workers (or other licensed mental health professionals) to respond to certain calls or accompany a police officer on certain calls.
- Add implicit bias training to the required police training components.
- Require police officers to receive mental health assessments at least every 5 years
- Accountability provisions, such as revocation of an officer's certification for "conduct undermining public confidence in law enforcement", including (1) discriminatory conduct, (2) falsifying reports, or (3) racial profiling in violation of state law.

On behalf of all the lives of Black and BIPOC individuals who have lost their lives, as well as in recognition of our need to create a safe future for *all* our children, I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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