

My name is Lauren N. Pittman I live & vote in New Haven, CT. I am writing in support of LCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA) with amendments.

There must be accountability and transparency. Police officers should be accountable public servants who work collaboratively, transparently, and fairly with all of the communities they serve. Too often, police departments and officers violate their role in the community and abuse their power by engaging in acts of excessive force; acting in an increasingly militarized capacity; abusing asset forfeiture policies; and routinely stopping and frisking entire communities,

Current forms of policing are outdated and dangerous. Our only hope for the system we need is to reinvest in a shared vision of community safety, infrastructure, and recovery that does not rely on the police. Basic public safety, fair and equal access to education, jobs & infrastructure.

Investing in communities is vital for Black Communities to thrive building a stronger economy.

Invest in educational programs, childcare, housing, and transformational justice and healing. Which allows economic opportunity

Schools are properly funded

I support:

- Allows Towns/Cities to Form Civilian Review Boards w/Subpoena Power
- Outlawing Police Search w/o Probable Cause, Even w/Consent
- Outlawing Police Officers from Asking for any Documents (Green Card/Immigration Docs) Other than Driver's License at Traffic Stops
- Mandating Duty to Intervene if Officer Witnesses Excessive Force
- Ending Qualified Immunity for Officers who Violate Civil Rights
- Bans Stops and Frisk
- Demilitarization of CT Police Depts, Including Disposal of Existing Equipment
- Require Officers to Display their Badge

I disagree with:

- Increasing Funding for Municipal/State PDs
- Adding Social Workers to PDs. Social Workers Should NOT Work Under Police Departments
- Police and Politicians Make up 12/20 Members of Police Officer Standards and Training Council. Council Should be Dominated by Civilians not Politicians/Police

This is just a starting point and doesn't divest from policing or reinvesting in the community as well as a moment in Connecticut's history that we cannot let pass by. You have an opportunity to pass strong legislation that will make Connecticut safer for all of our residents, especially our residents of color.

Thank you for your service of our state,

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