

Judiciary Committee Listening Session
Friday, July 17, 2020
Testimony in Support of LCO # 3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Leah Grenier and I live and vote in Madison. I am writing in full support of LCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability with amendments.

You have an opportunity to pass strong legislation that will make Connecticut safer for all of our residents, especially our friends and neighbors of color.

I support:

- Allowing towns and cities to form Civilian Review Boards with Subpoena Power
- Outlawing police search without probable cause, even with consent
- Outlawing police officers from asking for any documents (Green Card/Immigration Documents) other than a driver's license at traffic stops
- Mandating Duty to Intervene if officers witness excessive force
- Ending qualified immunity for officers who violate civil rights
- Banning Stop and Frisks
- Demilitarizing of Connecticut Police Departments, including disposal of existing equipment
- Requiring officers to display their badge

I disagree with:

- Increasing funding for municipal and state police departments
- Adding social workers to police departments - social workers should NOT work under police departments
- Putting more civilians on the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST). Police and politicians make up 12 of the 20 members of the POST and it should be dominated by civilians not politicians or police

Thank you for your time and for taking this first step to strengthen police accountability in order to eliminate the bad outcomes that disproportionately affect BIPOC.

Thank you for your service of our state,

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