

This email is in support of [LCO 3471](#), the police accountability bill.

I believe Connecticut should:

- **Eliminate ‘qualified immunity’** for law enforcement. Police officers who commit civil rights violations would now be subject to civil liability themselves.
- Create a **duty to intervene** when a police officer witnesses another law enforcement officer using unreasonable, excessive, or illegal use of force.
- Create the figure of a **fully independent Inspector General** tasked with the responsibility of conducting investigations involved in use of force cases.
- Give local police **civilian review boards** real teeth - and **subpoena power**.
- Requires police departments to **get rid of their military-grade equipment** within six months.
- **Establish strict limits on traffic stops and searches**, limiting the definition of what constitutes probable cause.

Thank you!

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