

Dear Judiciary Committee,

Defund Connecticut police and invest in our communities.

We do not need more money for implicit bias training, body cameras, or any other reform. Reform has become a way to give police more money rather than bring the change we really need. We have tried reform. At best, reform gives us miniscule improvements. More often, cops find ways around reforms to continue their campaigns of violence against people of color, people with mental health disorders, women, and immigrants. This is because policing is an institution created and designed to protect white supremacy and property, not the well-being of the people. Do what's right. Defund the police. Invest in the people. Money should go towards the education and healthcare of communities most neglected, not the police!

Sincerely,

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