

Dear Judiciary Committee Members:

We seek the passage of a strong Police Accountability Act to provide for a fair judging of the actions of everyone involved in being a just citizen in society. This applies not only to the general public but to all of society, every political office holder and public servant not to exclude police officers or their echelon of executives.

Unfortunately there are some departments and individual officers within more police departments that don't meet up to societal justice standards. It is in these cases that the elimination of "qualified justice" is necessary. The role of police is to provide safety and protection to ALL citizens and not act solely on their fear and/or bigotry. Anyone, including the police, who acts with misconduct, violence or brutality must be fully accountable by the state's judicial system.

The argument of losing people with potential for a career in policing we believe to be an unfounded position. In our opinion, anyone who is reluctant to join because of this so thought protection is a person unfit to serve society fully from the get-go.

Police accountability is needed now and for the future to support the good in our society and uphold the character of our police forces in the truly necessary duties they have to perform.

Respectfully,  
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