

My name is Patrick Korth. I am a 75 year old white male living in Hamden, CT.

I have reviewed, but not read the whole Draft. I want to voice my support for the direction this Draft is heading to address the fundamental changes that are needed to correct the historic inequalities within our judicial system/ law enforcement. As a white male, it is impossible for me to really know the daily oppression that racism within this country inflicts on people of color wherever they go. I can only try to open my eyes and heart to that pain and to do whatever I can to work to fight it.

This proposed law is a small step in that direction. It needs to be much stronger. Community review boards with powers to really address abuses need to be required in all jurisdictions. Vague language of "may" "incurred " need to be strengthened to required wherever possible.

Social work needs to be done by social workers, not police.

Bad cops need to be rooted out and prosecuted for their actions. Yet, we must recognize that this is not a problem of individuals. It is a system that has developed over hundreds of years and needs to be addressed as such. No easy answers or easy solutions. Make this law much stronger and start the long battle toward equality that our country says it stands for.

Thank you.