

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Rose Reyes. I live in Willimantic, CT. I am an educator and a member of Town Council. Given recent events and historical concerns I am writing to express my support for LCO# 3471: "An Act Concerning Police Accountability."

s. Specifically, I believe the following as amendments would strengthen the bill:

- Mandate municipalities to establish **Civilian Review Boards** with Subpoena powers.
- Eliminate police searches without probable cause, even if the person consents to the search.
- Mandate the duty to intervene if a police officer witnesses another officer using excessive or illegal use-of-force.
- Limit "qualified immunity" for officers who violate the civil rights of civilians.
- Ban stop-and-frisk.
- Demilitarize police departments by disposing of all military equipment currently held by police departments.
- Require police officers to prominently display their badge.
- Change the Use of Force Standard:  
The bill should require that use of deadly force is 'necessary' instead of 'objectively reasonable.'  
This standard should also include an officers' entire engagement history with a / the person(s) not just the moment when severe or deadly force was used.
- Change the make up of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council to better represent civilians. Over half of the Council consists of politicians or police officers which makes for an imbalanced perspective.

I am confident that with our insights and interests we will be able to craft a bill that will represent the people's need for a sense of safety and trust as well as a release of unrealistic expectations imposed upon our police departments.

Thank you,  
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