

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I write today regarding LLCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA)

I affirm the following points as regards the crucial imperative of passing a bill to hold police accountable to the communities they serve:

- 1) It is critical that we allow cities and towns to form Civilian Review Boards and provide them with Subpoena power in order to ensure that police truly do "protect and serve".
- 2) We MUST outlaw police stops and searches without probable cause - EVEN WITH CONSENT. Based on precedent, young black and brown people are placed in an impossible situation when asked to cooperate—freely giving “consent” is not possible in a world where refusal could mean death.
- 3) We MUST outlaw police from asking for personal documents other than a Driver’s License. State and town police have no authority to ask for green cards, immigration docs, etc, and as mentioned above, unlawful though the request is, civilians may feel unable to deny the order for fear of violence. This is the precedent that has been set by officers across the nation.
- 4) I fully support the ban of "Stop and Frisk" policies for the same reasons mentioned above.
- 5) I support Mandating the Duty to Intervene if a fellow police officer witnesses excessive force. **In addition**, officers should be duty-bound to intervene whenever their fellow officers violate the law through violence, negligence, or unethical or corrupt conduct.
- 6) I call for the demilitarization of CT police departments, including the disposal of existing equipment.

Members of the Committee, this is a critical moment in time and you have the power and the opportunity to do good in the world. Please use your power to support this legislation as a first step towards making Connecticut safer for all of our residents, but especially our residents of color.

Thank you.

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