

To Whom It May Concern,

Please support LCO #3471, "An Act Concerning Police Accountability." It is the very least we can do to ensure that all of our citizens are treated fairly and that officers of the law are held to the high standards we (and they) value.

While my own interactions with the police have been few and far between, I know that when I see people pulled over in this town, they're people of color. And I know the national trend of police violence against people of color is frightening, especially in larger cities.

I've lived in CT for 28 years, and in that time I've watched my town's police department become less friendly, more militarized (some of the vehicles parked behind the police station are frightening!), and pretty much unwilling to get involved in the kind of community work (mediating situations; enforcing basic traffic laws or "nuisance" statutes; and testifying in court on what they consider "minor" matters, which is something they try at all costs to avoid).

We need to act now to make it clear that police are community partners, not people we need to fear.

Thank you,  
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