

I am in support of Section 18 of the Police Accountability Draft Bill as well as the overall recommendations to improve response to citizens who may have conditions or situations that require professional social work input to avoid dangerous or inappropriate resolution of conflict in our communities. In light of our country's history of racial bias and loss of life and liberty due to systemic racism, involving social workers would be a start to addressing these inequities and improving police-community relationships.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues,

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