

Hello - My name is Therese Eke, and I live in Milford, CT.

I appreciate the many changes and improvements that are in this legislation - thank you.

I would like to remind you that we, the citizenry, are not here to protect and serve the police - they are here to protect and serve us. Police work, that we pay for, cannot be seen as somehow sacred and beyond accountability.

Police violence and racism are never okay, and must not be protected - by practice, law or contract.

The overarching mission of policing needs to be de-escalation, transparency and accountability.

I want more emphasis on de-escalation training, mental health awareness, and a robust anti-bias training. There should be no qualified immunity for ANYTHING.

I hope this legislation passes - it is only the beginning of the work that needs to be done.