

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, Ranking Members Kissel and Rebimbas, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Tyler Santiago-Gamble and I live & vote in Southbury, CT. I am writing in support of LCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA) with amendments.

I support:

- Allows towns/cities to form civilian review boards with subpoena power
- Outlawing police search without probable cause
- Mandating duty to intervene if officer(s) witness excessive force
- Ending qualified immunity for officers who violate civil rights
- Bans stop and frisk
- Demilitarization of CT police departments, including disposal of unnecessary existing equipment
- Require officers to display their badge

I DO NOT support:

- Increasing funding for municipal/state police departments
- Adding social workers to police departments; social workers should NOT work under police departments
- Police and politicians make up 12/20 members of Police Officer Standards and Training Council; the council should be majority civilians not police/politicians

This is a starting point and should not divest from policing or reinvesting in the community. Funds taken from police departments should be reinvested into communities (education, health care, mental health services, affordable housing, social services, etc. This is an important opportunity to pass strong legislature that will make Connecticut a safer state for residents of all color.

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