

Dear Members of the Connecticut General Assembly,

My name is Violet Jiménez Sims. As a Connecticut resident, I appreciate all that you do and this opportunity to voice my comments. Specifically, I'm writing in support of An Act Concerning Police Accountability, LCO# 3471. I strongly support the following components:

- Granting power that allows municipalities to establish Civilian Review Boards WITH Subpoena powers
- Outlawing police searches without probable cause, even if the person consents to the search
- Outlawing police officers from asking for any documents (such as green cards, other immigration documents) other than a driver's license from people they pull-over during traffic stops
- Mandating a duty to intervene if a police officer witnesses another officer using excessive or illegal use-of-force
- Ending qualified immunity for officers who violate people's civil rights
- Banning stop-and-frisk in Connecticut
- The demilitarization of Connecticut police departments, including the disposal of all military equipment currently held by police departments
- The requirement for police officers to prominently display their badge

I also want to highlight the components of the bill I disagree with, which include:

- Increasing funding for police departments, whether municipal or state.
- The overrepresentation of police officers and politicians on the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. They make up 12/20 of the Council's membership. This council should be dominated by civilians not politicians or police officers.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Violet Jiménez Sims". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the last name "Sims" being particularly prominent.

Dr. Violet Jiménez Sims