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My name is Jessica Powell and I live & vote in Hamden, CT and work in New Haven.

I am writing in support of LCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA) with amendments.

I support:

- Granting power that allows Towns/Cities to Form Civilian Review Boards w/Subpoena Power
- Outlawing Police Search w/o Probable Cause, Even w/Consent
- Outlawing Police Officers from Asking for any Documents (Green Card/Immigration Docs) Other than Driver's License at Traffic Stops
- Mandating Duty to Intervene if Officer Witnesses Excessive Force
- **Ending Qualified Immunity for Officers who Violate Civil Rights**
- Bans Stops and Frisk
- Demilitarization of CT Police Depts, Including Disposal of Existing Equipment
- Require Officers to Display their Badge
- Stronger Use of Force Standard. The bill should require that any use of deadly force is 'necessary' rather than the current standard of 'objectively reasonable.' This standard should also include an officers' entire engagement with a person(s) rather than just the moment when severe or deadly force was used.

I disagree with:

- Increasing funding for police departments, whether municipal or state. I support the immediate defunding and divestment from police departments and reallocation of these resources for social services.
- Adding social workers to police departments. The current bill calls for a study be conducted by departments on this matter. Social workers should be used for certain emergency/mental health calls but they should not work under police departments.
- 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.

Thank you for your service of our state,

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