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**Attention:  
Connecticut General Assembly  
Judiciary Committee**

**Good Afternoon. My name is Anessa L. Haney. I reside at 407  
Westminster Road in Canterbury, Connecticut 06331  
(860)556-9017.**

**I am here today to ask this Committee to please grant me  
permission to move forward with my case against a  
Connecticut State Police dept.**

**In 2007, my spouse passed away from brain cancer leaving me  
with my fragile six year old daughter. To help me cope, I  
started to write my book and I purchased a dog for therapy.**

**Heartbreakingly, my dog was struck and killed by a mail truck  
on September 19, 2008. Just one month earlier I was diagnosed  
with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) so when I  
realized that my dog was dead I began to cry frantically and  
loudly in my yard;  
I was in complete shock.**

**My neighbor, who is my friend, heard my cries and thought  
that I was in some kind of danger so she called the State Police  
to come assess the situation.**

**When the first Trooper arrived I was relieved to see that she  
was a woman. I thought she would be compassionate to my  
situation. But I was incorrect because instead of offering**

assistance or condolences she stated that she would not investigate the mail lady, who had just struck my dog, because it was my fault that my dog was dead.

When I realized that the Trooper was not willing to help, I asked her to leave so that I could cry in private. But instead of leaving, she took offense to my request. Suddenly, she ordered me to come out of my home so that she could arrest me. I was arrested for Breach of Peace and Interfering with an arrest.

When I begged her not to arrest me, she still proceeded to put a handcuff on one of my wrists. And in what seemed like only seconds, a Male Trooper arrived and ran from his vehicle and pushed me to the ground and put my other hand in the cuff.

After I was cuffed, he lifted me to my feet and walked me over to a police vehicle and placed my left cheek on the hot hood of the car. When I indicated to the Trooper that the hood was burning my face, he chuckled and said, "I'll give you that."

Then he lifted my face from the hood and placed me in the front seat of the Female Trooper's vehicle. He buckled me in. When he buckled me, he did it very tight. I informed the Male Trooper that I could not breathe and that the buckle was hurting me.

In response to my cries of pain, the Male Trooper walked back over to me and then he proceeded to further increase the

**tightness of the seat belt around my waist. Once he finished, he closed the door and walked away from the vehicle; leaving me to suffer in the seat.**

**When the Female Trooper entered her vehicle I told her my woes, and then she loosened the belt. She also indicates this in her report.**

**As a result of the aggressive buckling, I returned home from the jail cell with severe back pain and bruising on my hip where the buckle was.**

**The twisting motion from the buckling also causes me to suffer from a large herniated disc.**

**As my doctors have stated in writing, I will need surgery that will cost at least \$80,000; therefore I am in a position where I need to have the ability to pursue damages.**

**Finally, please be aware that I ask this of you all with the highest level of respect and I truly wish that matters never came to this.**

**Thank you for your time,  
Anessa L. Haney**