

Date: March 22, 2013

To: Judiciary Committee Members

From: Tawana M. Bourne, 471 Highland Avenue # 11, Middletown, CT 06457

Re: H.B. No. 6665 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW OF TRAFFIC STOP COMPLAINTS AND THE COLLECTION OF TRAFFIC STOP INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO IMMIGRATION STATUS.

I urge you to vote in favor of H.B. 6665, a coherent and comprehensive policy that strictly prohibits profiling on the basis of immigration status and essentially, race and ethnicity. Racial profiling is unjustly practiced in Connecticut evidenced by scandalous traffic stops across the state, resulting in Black and Hispanic motorist being ticketed or cited significantly higher than White motorist. Overzealous police officers who harass a targeted sector of the population based inevitably on immigration status/skin color is abhorrent and should be banned. Therefore, I urge you to take these concerns into consideration and vote in favor of H.B. 6665.