

Subject: SB 374

I am writing this in regards to Senate Bill Number 374. I understand this legislation to be in its infancy, but even as vaguely as it has been proposed I am completely against the concept in every way. There is absolutely no way this legislation will not end up being terribly destructive and disruptive to Connecticut families, but it will also not do anything to prevent violent crimes and tragedies. How many individuals with mental health issues never commit violent crimes? How many people who have committed violent crimes would never have been diagnosed for mental illness even if they have been screened? I find it frightening that legislation like this is even being proposed. It will undoubtedly end up targeting primarily low income, minority, and homeschooling families. The government is not capable of executing legislation like this in a way that is just. How could anyone suspect that a law like this would not be abused and riddled with corruption and error? The possibilities are endless for this kind of legislation to wreak havoc on Connecticut families and it I believe it would increase violent crime if anything. Are we now all guilty until proven innocent? We need a more compassionate world to combat violent crime not a more frightening world. We need less control not more. Regardless of political party or ideology this law is wrong.

Sincerely,

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