

Public Testimony

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Naugatuck Valley Community College- Black Student Union President Nicole Hutchings' testimony for the March 20th Judicial Committee Public Hearing on Rep. Matt Ritter's Racial Profile Bill, H.B 5437.

I am writing in support of H.B 5437 An act concerning the Alvin W. Penn Racial Profiling Act. It is shared concern throughout the minority population of centering The City of East Haven's City town line if you are of another race, other than being white. Why is this? Why are fellow citizens in fear of entering this City? Many citizens of color and Latino race voice their concerns and fear of the Town of East Haven's Police Dept. It is been proven through investigation of corruption throughout the Dept. and Racial Profiling. This Dept., that was intended to protect the people have now become the victimizer and predictor. We all stand together as people of the human race... Why are minorities still being targeted as being 2nd class? Isn't this America...United We Stand? Or, still divided as the white race being more Superior than others? As a lifetime citizen of Connecticut, as this being one of the wealthiest states, we need to serve as an example for other states...People want protection! Tax dollars are being paid to City Officials to do just that. NOT, serve as BULLIES! This Dept. is known for being just that, BULLIES! Is this fair and just? No, it is not and should be stopped!

I ask that you please hear my words and concerns as a woman of color whom has two sons and a sister whom has two brothers that serve as Police Officers as well. Will I have to worry about my sons being racially targeted if they were to drive through the Town of East Haven? My answer would be YES if I was asked! This is sad and unjust! I asked that you take into consideration all of the facts that are being presented to you to assure the safety for our fellow man. I hope that my testimony has shined some light on the concerns of citizens who fear entering the Town of East Haven due to being, not of the white race. Ask yourself, "Are we trying to go forward and not repeat history or, are we trying to go backwards and allow this land to still be divided and unjust?" As you make this decision, please take this question into history of this nation into consideration.

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