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I am not a resident of Hartford or West Hartford, but I am a resident of this country, and this bill stands for something that I think is so sorely needed in our country today.

On the surface it reads as just another legality that defines boundaries, and perhaps even constrains how a particular government agency must operate. But beneath that it represents responsibility. For our country to succeed, we need to have respect and trust. Sadly, police enforcement and our communities lack much of that today due to the recent situations in Ferguson and Brooklyn. I am often left thinking nowadays, how is this country going to heal and progress forward?

Bills like these are a step in the right direction. In addition to the immediate issues this may address, it puts responsibility in the hands of each community. Communities know who their residents are. Communities understand the issues that are happening. When a police officer from one jurisdiction is allowed to go into another jurisdiction to enforce law, lack of community knowledge can create irreparable harm.

We need to rebuild this country one community at a time, and this bill is a step in the right direction.

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