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To whom it may concern:

As a jazz musician who works with, travels with and counts as friends many African American and other minority folks, I have noticed first hand the way in which many in authority [as well as many in the general public] treat these people. It is different then how I, a Caucasian man, am treated. It is less friendly, more guarded, quicker to suspect of wrong doing. They experience slower service and more hassles while traveling in our nation; more then overseas. To cut to the chase, it is simply racism. It's the same malady the inflicts our cities and towns; the same problem that continues to occur in the Fergusons everywhere in America.

Doug Glenville's experience is another example of this persistent disease that only diminishes all of us as human beings.

I hope that Connecticut will enact this progressive legislation and further the ongoing journey toward real equality for every human being.

Sincerely,

Bob Meyer