

Dear Chairs and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am submitting this testimony to ask you to support H.B. 6878 AN ACT CONCERNING APPEALS REGARDING GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY OF POLICE OFFICERS, USE OF FORCE BY A PEACE OFFICER, SEARCHES OF MOTOR VEHICLES, PURSUIT OF A SUSPECT POLICIES AND VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF PERSONS ON THE SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY.

I am the daughter and sister of police officers. I am aware of how hard it is for the men and women, who have taken the oath to serve and protect, to do their jobs in this state and especially in this current “anti-police” climate. The State’s 2020 Police Accountability is partially to blame for the struggle to recruit officers to join the profession. I urge you to vote yes on HB 6878. It will restore a police officer’s ability to perform a consent search of a motor vehicle, an important tool to keep drugs and illegal weapons off our streets. It also seeks to ensure that people on the sex offender registry have registered his/her actual residential address. The legislation would also allow law enforcement to pursue vehicles operated by persons suspected of stealing a car, stealing a catalytic converter, or being involved in human trafficking. Tackling these issues will make CT safer and are necessary tools needed by police.

Thank you.

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