

To: Judiciary Finance and Civil Law House Committee

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Subject: Police accountability bills must be heard!

Dear Rep. Becker-Finn and committee:

I am a proud Minnesotan, born in South St. Paul and a 25-year Minneapolis resident. I should say I was proud but at this moment I reflect on how my life has differed from that of my Black students, neighbors and friends - especially in terms of their sense of safety.

Do you trust the government? Do you trust law enforcement? I imagine and sincerely hope that you do, as you hold elected positions with roles and responsibilities to represent your constituents.

I implore you today to represent not only your town or city but the state at large. To hear the pain and anger and distrust of the community that seeks justice for the actions of law enforcement.

Hear us.

You have no doubt seen what happens when a community is not heard.

Words escalate to actions, protest escalates to unrest which escalates even more. Trust is broken. To earn trust, listening- and hearing- is key.

Your role is pivotal in the community being heard. **Bills HF1104, HF640, HF1103 must be heard - not just by your committee, but by the Senate as a whole. You must pass these bills out of committee TODAY.**

It is your duty to hear the community, your fellow Minnesotans, and provide the possibility of remedy. Pass these bills through committee.

I beg of you. Jen Antila