

Greetings, my name is Sarah Muellner. I am a resident of St. Paul, MN and a mother of a two-year-old.

I am in favor of three bills that will be presented today, HF 1104, HF 640, and HF 1103. Police officers need to be held accountable and should not have immunity for creating destruction in our community. Police officers also need to be held at a higher standard. It seems like police officers are doing more work protecting themselves than protecting the community. Police officers and the community are very separated. These bills will involve civilians and give civilians accurate information and a voice. Police are working for the people. As the people we need police to have consequences for their actions, we need police oversight rights, and we need timely and accurate information on police incidents.

I am a mother to a black child. I am in physical and emotional pain when another black child is killed in the hands of a police officer. I am scared for my child as they will grow up and be a threat to the people that should be serving and protecting our community. I am scared to go outside, drive, and honestly just exist out of fear that police might find my family a threat. I refuse to live like this any longer. Our community needs justice. Our community needs change. Please start that change with these three bills.

In conclusion I am in favor of the bills, HF 1104, HF 640, and HF 1103. Please bring these bills to hearing, the people in Minnesota need police accountability.

Thank you for listening to your community.

Sarah Muellner