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Hello my name is Kayse Jama, executive director of the center for intercultural organizing. Thank you chair Barker and members of the committee for providing the time to have this hearing and discussion. I'm here today to urge a yes vote on HB 2002. Our organization introduce this legislative package in response to what has been an outcry of concern from citizens throughout the state.

As you can see from the turn out today this issue deeply impacts many in our communities. We are here today because we need your support. For us who will testify before you today, we acknowledge that the systems designed and created to protect us are failing. The very people charged with protecting our communities are doing more harm than good because of the historical harassment, undue process, and discrimination.

We've lost sons, sisters, mothers, brothers, and fathers. Every day we continue to see members of our communities lose ground because of the unfair practices that have been allowed to destroy our communities.

We are here today and will we be here tomorrow and the day after because our communities deserve better and you have the power to change the outcomes. This is the second time we've put forth this legislation and perhaps this might be the last time we have to fill your chambers on such an issue.

We are asking that all members on the committee to support of this bill. But let me tell you why CIO was founded. CIO was originally established to combat widespread anti-Muslim sentiment after 9/11. Over the past 12 years, we have continued organizing against the targeting and profiling of Muslims and other protected groups, also CIO has engaged thousands of individuals from diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. We trained new immigrant and refugee community leaders, produced hundreds of educational events in order to build strong inclusive community; however, in order to create inclusive community we need ensure that our law enforcement agencies does not engage biased policing practices.

What's wrong with wanting more accountability?

What's wrong with wanting to save lives?

We can and need to do better as a state, you may not have families that look like the sea of people behind me but for us this is legislation is critical to saving lives, to keeping your promise as public servants to serve and protect those most vulnerable.

We hope that you will stand with us.

Thank you again for your time. And we hope you will stand with us.