

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support the passage of HB 2929-A4. I am a Professor of History and have read and studied how the institutional culture of secrecy in many police departments and allows them to ignore, or excuse members of their who do not understand their duty to protect all citizens regardless of race, ethnic identity and gender.

The -A4 amendment is necessary to ensure that the public has access to police disciplinary records to protect citizens of our state from unchecked police misconduct. I believe that we are one of only nine states in the nation that keeps police misconduct records confidential. Without real transparency I fear that poliy abuses and wrongful convictions will persist as will the lack of trust between our communities and the police

To remedy this situation , I strongly urge you to supporting HB 2929-A4.

Respectfully submitted,
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