

House Committee on Judiciary
State of Rhode Island General Assembly

March 4, 2026
Testimony in support of House Bill **7211**

Dear Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

I'm writing in support of House Bill 7211, the Rhode Island Community Protection Act.

Here in the 21st century, some Federal law enforcement officers are engaging in illegal actions, clothed in garb that makes it impossible for aggrieved citizens to identify them, and hence to file misconduct suits against them for those actions. 42 U.S. Code § 1983 ("Civil action for deprivation of rights") gave U.S. citizens that right as part of the Civil Rights act of 1871.

No one, including law enforcement, should be exempt from being held accountable for their actions. **Please support House Bill 7211.**

Sincerely,

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