

Dear Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

My name is Maebel Haynes and I am a resident of Willimantic and a E.O. Smith High School Student. I am writing today to show my support for Senate Bill 122.

I am in full support of Senate Bill 122. I am in support of this bill for many reasons. I am in support of this bill because in our current society and looking forward, it is important to have a task force/team dedicated for preventing and investigating hate crimes and extremist groups.

Sadly in our world today, we have looked to violence as an answer to problems. There have been struggles on police officers as they are not fully trained to deal with hate crimes and extremist groups. If there is a dedicated group to investigate hate crimes and extremist groups, that will help alleviate pressure on both police departments and towns overall.

It is important to recognize how much the world is changing and how divided we are all getting. The more divided we get, the more violent we get as well. We have seen this on January 6th, 2021 at the Capital. It is important to stop more people from throwing gas into the fire and help alleviate the pressure on our state.

Thank you for your time and I am urging you to support Senate Bill 122.

Sincerely,

Maebel Ailis Haynes