

My name is Roisin Veckerelli and I plan to attend the September 17th (6pm) Listening Session. This is written testimony that I am happy to also share verbally during the session.

To the PTATF - thank you for the opportunity to share our views.

My young family is 100% in support of real and aggressive efforts to ensure open, transparent and empathetic police service to our community. This includes dismantling systemic and racial profiling. This includes careful, thoughtful, non-violent interactions related to individuals with mental, intellectual or physical issues. This includes supporting all efforts to drive appropriate funding to areas that reflect the true needs of individuals in our community to purposely avoid the use of force.

We are talking to our children about the importance of treating each human being we meet with kindness and respect. And as a family, we are acknowledging experiences that are different than ours. It is our job to stand together as a community to ensure that everyone feels safe and free and respected and protected together. We do not feel safe and free if, due to skin color or disability or lack of empathy, any of our neighbors or visitors to our community experience something different.

It is our expectation that the police force that serves our community embodies these values and strives with us to continuously drive out systemic poisons that have led to countless tragedies in our country over time. We want to see conscious and effective change and will continue to watch and support this effort.

Thank you,

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