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Hello Friend,

Black lives matter. George Floyd's public lynching by uniformed police officers coming after thousands of daily racist attacks on people of color year after year has woken up whites to the need for bold action against racism in police departments and every other facet of daily life.

I am fighting to pass the state level initiatives of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus calling for reform and justice:

- I co-sponsored HD5128, **An Act relative to saving Black lives and transforming public safety** presented by Representative Liz Miranda (and am continuing to work on its editing and enactment). It would clarify statutory limits on police use of force, prohibiting chokeholds and other tactics known to have deadly consequences. It would also require independent investigation of officer-related deaths and data collection and reporting on race, regarding all arrests and police use of force.
- **Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)**: Bill H2146 would provide for a Special Commission on POST to study and make recommendations concerning the implementation of a statewide POST system to certify police officers and enable de-certification for misconduct and abuse.
- **Commission on Structural Racism**: An Act establishing a Special Commission on structural racism, H1440, would establish a commission to study systemic institutional racism. Specifically, the Commission would examine how systemic racism has created a culture of structural racial inequality which has exacerbated disproportionate minority contact with the criminal justice system in Massachusetts.
- **Civil Service Exam Review and Oversight**: An Act to Reform Civil Service Exams, H2292, would establish an Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity to create guidelines and review diversity plans for all state agencies and police departments.

These legislative initiatives challenge the institutional, ideological, and interpersonal racism experienced by our friends and neighbors of color in every city and town of the Commonwealth and I am proud to support them.

Best regards,

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