

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my support for H492, establishing the Racial Justice Oversight Board.

This piece of legislation brings me so much hope for the state of Vermont. Systemic racism and oppression is a problem, with the arrest rate of black Vermonters twice that of white Vermonters. We need to ensure that this is a safe and just place for everyone to live. Let's work to vanquish the remnants of our country's violent and heartbreaking past of slavery and segregation, and work to eradicate the institutional racism that still exists today. Systemic oppression can only be overcome by systemic change. Let's make Vermont a shining example of justice for the rest of our country to admire.

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