

Dear Rep. Grad and the other members of the committee,

Please support H.492, the bill that would establish a Racial Justice Oversight Board. People of color are being treated unfairly in Vermont, especially in our police and criminal justice system (black people are arrested twice as often as white people in VT: more info at [this study](#)).

Passing this bill and establishing this board is simple first step to making sure Vermont is a safe place for everyone, and that people who work in the justice system gain a deeper understanding of racial bias and race issues in Vermont.

Thank you for stepping up and doing the right thing for all Vermonters.

Sincerely,

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