

To the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing on behalf of myself and my husband to ask that you support H.492. Our state would benefit from a Racial Justice Oversight Board to name and address the racial disparities and inequities that exist in our state, as well as help implement effective practices that mitigate institutionalized racism.

As a white woman who grew up in Hinesburg and now lives in South Burlington, I have spent many years reflecting on my own implicit biases and how they affect my actions and interactions on a daily basis. Our state, and the people who live here, are impacted by the same institutionalized racism that exists across our nation, and it is time we take this important step forward in fighting against it.

Please support H.492.

Thank you,
Kari Bohlen and Michael Leonard