

Hello,

My name is Lauren Akin and I am a resident of Burlington, Vermont. I'm writing to express my support for bills H.492 and S.116, and asking you to please support them also. H.492 (S.116) seeks to do exactly that. This legislation, the very first of its kind in our brave little state, in fact the most sweeping attempt to bring racial justice out into the light in our history, will establish a Racial Justice Oversight Board to start addressing these issues. With 12 appointed members, housed under the office of Vermont's attorney general, this board will tackle the difficult questions of disparate treatment of racial minorities in this state and make recommendations using the most cutting edge and proven tools and strategies of our time. Vermont has always led the forward march to recognition and equality for all, we can get on the right side of history and we can do it now.

Thank you,
Lauren Akin
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