

Sept 6, 2019  
Christine Longmore

Years ago we talked about the disproportionate contact brown and black people experienced with police

LLE responded by saying it

could be our perception

we responded by saying

we need to collect data

to truly define the issue

Data has been collected

The facts are clear

Black and Brown people in VT

are not safe.

A question that is central to

this issue and has to be

answered on an individual basis

and a systemic perspective

in our justice system and

all state systems is

are black and brown people

inherently more criminal

or is our justice system

unfair and systemically

racist. One of these

statements is true and

they are mutually exclusive.

Once you decide what you

believe, you should use your

answer to guide your work

as public servants.

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To: members of the Joint Justice Oversight  
Committee - State of Vermont

Re: Testimony on the Attorney General's  
Advisory Panel on Racial Disparities  
in the Juvenile + Criminal Justice  
of Vermont

From: Christine Kemp Longmore  
former Chair of AG's Advisory Panel  
on Racial Disparities in the Justice  
System

I am here to testify today not  
because I am grateful for a seat  
at your table, in your space, in your  
Statehouse. I'm here because I am  
committed to standing up for racial  
justice.

People, including children are suffering.  
Changing that should be a priority  
with resources and results based

accountability.

We have made some progress

but not enough.