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House/Senate Committee on Judiciary, c/o Megan Cannella, 115 State Street,
Montpelier, VT 05633,

You already have the facts of what happened on 3/11/26 on Dorset Street, South Burlington. In my opinion this was NOT a protest such as No Kings Day occurring today. It was local resident protectors and persons trained in rapid response who arrived to protect the people living in that house.

I was not there as one of those protectors but have read extensively about what occurred and seen videos. Last September 2025 I volunteered to be trained by Migrant Justice as a rapid responder. If you would like to see my 1 page notes from that training, please contact me and I will email them to you. You will see that we were NOT trained for civil disobedience or to use any violence toward police officials or ICE.

I am a student of the black civil rights movement led by youth who were trained in nonviolence, SNCC, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. The rapid response training didn't include the training SNCC volunteers received; however I didn't see any of the volunteer protectors on 3/11 in South Burlington resort to violence toward local, state police or ICE.

In fact it was the opposite. Despite their denials it was local and state police who instigated violence that occurred and was documented by the protectors. Please listen carefully to the testimony you will hear at your hearing on Tuesday, March 31, 2026 5-7pm. There will be repetition I'm sure. We depend on you to decide what is true and who to believe. I'll be watching and listening via zoom.

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