

Judiciary Committee
House Bill 794
Favorable with Amendment

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee;

We've all seen the horrific outcomes of racist policing. While most racist law enforcement officers aren't members of white supremacist groups, many do express their bigotry in other ways. White supremacists should not be in positions of power, especially when they're armed with deadly weapons.

I'm concerned about the part of the bill that says, "PARTICIPATING IN OR ACTIVELY PROMOTING AN INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC EXTREMIST GROUP THAT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAS DETERMINED SUPPORTS OR ENCOURAGES ILLEGAL VIOLENT CONDUCT" since the Trump administration has decided that anyone who's against bigotry is a violent domestic terrorist, and the anti-bigotry and anti-fascism groups they're in are terrorist groups. Some wording changes may be needed to address that issue. But I wholly agree that there should be a way to filter out white supremacists.

Sincerely,
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