

**Testimony on House Bill – Favorable
HB1262 Limit Racial Profiling
House Judiciary Committee**

March 2, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the Committee:

I, Angela Whalen, am writing to offer favorable testimony in support of **HB1262- Limit Racial Profiling**

I highly value human rights and the dignity of due process for all. Racial Profiling by federal law enforcement violates the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments. The use of racial profiling violates the constitutional requirement that police and other government officials accord all people equal protection under the law. Research shows that these experiences often lead people to believe the law is not meant to protect them, and that belief spreads and is reinforced by seeing others with similar experiences. Further, these harms are not shared equally. Communities of color bear them most heavily. Additionally, racial profiling means basing decisions on racial bias or false assumptions, rather than reasonable suspicion or evidence. Therefore, it violates the Fourth Amendment guarantee to be free of unreasonable searches and seizures. It invites police to focus on the wrong people, time that could be spent instead on high-quality investigating and enforcement.

The use of racial profiling undermines community policing efforts and erodes trust. This puts the whole community at risk and makes us all less safe.

Respectfully, I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

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