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TREASURER SHAWN T. WOODEN

STATE TREASURER SHAWN WOODEN PRAISES CONNECTICUT'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR PASSING THE CT POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BILL

Hartford, CT - On Wednesday, July 29, 2020, the Connecticut General Assembly passed the police accountability bill in a vote of 21 to 15. State Treasurer Shawn Wooden released the following statement:

"Today, the Connecticut State Senate voted in favor of the safety and well-being of families and communities across our state and answered the call that our residents so desperately need and rightfully deserve. Following hours of heartfelt testimony and debate, this vote landed on the right side of history. The bill, which now heads to the Governor's desk for signature, will lead to investments and improvements in training resources for law enforcement, an increase in transparency and trust between police and the neighborhoods in which they serve, and greater accountability for officers who abuse their power. When our children and grandchildren ask us what we did at this pivotal time in our nation's history, we will be able to say that we took action to dismantle the systems of oppression in this country and in Connecticut.

"I commend all of the members of the Connecticut General Assembly who voted in support of this historic bill. I am inspired not only as an elected official, but as the father of two boys who deserve to grow up in a better and more equitable world. This is a powerful victory, but the battle is far from over. We must continue to fight, hand-in-hand, to create a world where Black and Brown people in Connecticut and in our country never have to see the police as a potential threat to their lives, but as a bastion of hope in times of crisis.

"It is up to us to address injustice, whether it's police reform, health care disparities, educational disparities, or economic disparities. Today, we made our voices heard, but as history has shown us, we will not see the progress we need in our country until all Americans, regardless of race, class, or creed, see the words "liberty and justice for all" not as political rhetoric, but as a true call to action.

"What comes after this moment will define our state and country, and as the Honorable John Lewis said so eloquently, "A democracy cannot thrive where power remains unchecked and justice is reserved for a select few. Ignoring these cries and failing to respond to this movement is simply not an option — for peace cannot exist where justice is not served."

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