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Submitted to the Committee on State Affairs
For HB 30

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Hearing Date: April 12, 2023 10:30 AM - or upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted

Anna Weeks

Self

Austin, TX

I am for this bill. Police accountability is vital in helping to restore trust in the police, and that cannot happen without unrestricted public access to items covered in this bill.

Hal Cosentino

self, full-time student

Austin, TX

I am in favor of this bill. The Attorney General should have to create an online publicly available database of reports of officer-involved shootings or deaths and shootings resulting in injury/death to officers. I am also in support of expanding the information that must be disclosed in personnel records of DPS officers.

Malena Pennycook

self

Austin, TX

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Theresa Zelasko

Self

Austin, TX

I strongly urge the committee to vote FOR HB 30. Thank you.

Kathryn Hall

N/A

San Marcos, TX

FOR

Joy Davis, Field Organizer

Pure Justice

Houston, TX

Dear Honorable State Representatives,

My name is Joy Davis and I am the field organizer for Pure Justice. We are in favor of this bill. A database would help to hold law enforcement accountable for their actions. If prosecutors or police officers engage in misconduct or abuse, they would be likely to face consequences if there is a public record of their behavior. A database would also hold greater transparency about the actions of prosecutors and police officers. Citizens would be able to see how often misconduct and abuse happens and whether or not there are patterns across jurisdictions. This type of database would also work as a deterrent. Knowing their actions would be publicly available they would be less likely to engage in misconduct or abuse. This could also help give police departments across the state an idea of who they are potentially hiring and if there is any potential behaviors present that could prove costly by the payouts of excessive violence and police abuse.

Thank you for your time.

Joy Davis