

From the House

Racial and Social Justice

By Rep. Matt Ritter

In the past few weeks, I have heard from neighbors, friends, constituents and residents across Connecticut that the General Assembly must quickly convene a special session to address issues regarding police accountability in our State.

As we know, prejudice and injustice have not been relegated to the pages of history. I am glad to say that I expect the Legislature to be in special session in July to vote on these necessary issues.

Please know that Hartford is well represented in the drafting of legislation that will be voted on in special session. For example, I have worked very closely with Rep. Brandon McGee (who is chair of the legislature's Black and Puerto Rican Caucus) and Rep. Josh Hall (who is my appointment to the Police Accountability Task Force).

I am hopeful that the final bill will make Connecticut a national leader in this conversation.

We must also look at a host of other issues in the coming months, including more funding for affordable housing, an end to restrictive zoning laws, an increase in education funding, better access to primary medical care and mental health counseling, and an amendment to our State Constitution to make it easier to vote in our State.

Please contact me at Matthew.Ritter@cga.ct.gov, or by phone at (860) 240-8489, if you have any questions, concerns or ideas regarding social justice and police reform.