

Submitter:

Emily Plec

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SJR203

More than 50 years ago, criminologist Egon Bittner wrote about the importance of transparency in police accountability, arguing that because the police have unusual access to power and the justified use of force, and because it is so important for their effectiveness that they be perceived as legitimate by the public, heightened scrutiny is justified. The transparency enabled by SJR 203 does just that. And it makes our society more democratic, more just, and more safe.