**Center for Disability Rights & The Daniel Initiative Present**

**Community Conversations on Police Accountability**

**Resource Sheet**

On Wednesday, May 12th and Thursday, May 13th – Center for Disability Rights & The Daniel Initiative held a two-day event to discuss [the Justice in Policing Act H.R. 2180](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1280?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.+1280%22%5D%7D&s=2&r=1).

**Description of the event:**

*"Join The Daniel Initiative and Center for Disability Rights for this 2-Night convening that explores police accountability from a community perspective. On Night 1, advocates, and policy experts will discuss the realities of the Justice in Policing Act. The second night will center activists, faith leaders, community organizers, Black law enforcement, and academicians in fireside conversations on police accountability."*

*Information and Resources discussed during the two-days:*

**Resource sheet**

Link to Bill HR 1280 - <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1280?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R.+1280%22%5D%7D&s=2&r=1>

Sign on - letter – CDR & TDI & 38 Organizations raise concerns about the JPA bill - <https://cdrnys.org/blog/uncategorized/center-for-disability-rights-and-the-daniel-initiative-and-38-organizations-oppose-the-justice-in-policing-act-of-2021-jpa/>

Sign on letter CDR & TDI and 43 Organizations to- Senate requesting them to Strengthen the JPA –

\*This letter remains open – please go here to sign on your organization:

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<https://forms.gle/HFUrZbGq5yquRhfL7>

**Constitution Accountability Center Sign on Letter** : 87 organizations - End qualified immunity to ensure meaningful accountability measures in the Senate version of the Justice in Policing Act of 2021 *\*both CDR & TDI signed onto this letter*

<https://www.theusconstitution.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Updated-CAC-Letter-End-Qualified-Immunity.pdf>

**The Invention of Police - by Jill Lepore -New Yorker - July 2020**

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/07/20/the-invention-of-the-police>

**Movement 4 Black Lives opposes George Floyd Justice Act** – by Kat Stafford – AP News – March 17, 2021

<https://apnews.com/article/movement-for-black-lives-oppose-george-floyd-justice-act-dd6e724e8cce87ace9ecc06067ef8e8e>

**Human Rights Watch Recommendations for the Justice in Policing Act** – HRW News – February 5, 2021 - [https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/02/05/human-rights-watch-recommendations-justice-policing-act#](https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/02/05/human-rights-watch-recommendations-justice-policing-act)

## ACLU Urges Congress to Perfect H.R. 7120 (116th), The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act – June 23, 2020 - <https://www.aclu.org/letter/aclu-urges-congress-perfect-hr-7120-george-floyd-justice-policing-act>

## Black Lives Matter thought they had Washington's ear. Now they feel shut out – by Maya King – May 11, 2021- Politico

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/05/11/black-lives-matter-thought-they-had-washingtons-ear-now-they-feel-shut-out-487215>

From the Article:  As members of Congress continue to hash out a bill to pass with enough Democrats and Republicans in the Senate, activists say they have not been included in any of those discussions.

# **Letter: 54 Law Enforcement Professionals Sign Letter Urging Congress to End Qualified Immunity – Davis Vanguard – April 1, 2021**

<https://www.davisvanguard.org/2021/04/letter-54-law-enforcement-professionals-sign-letter-urging-congress-to-end-qualified-immunity/>

Actual letter: <https://lawenforcementactionpartnership.org/qualified-immunity/>

**Clyburn Undercuts Democratic Police Reform Bill -by Alexander Sammon – May 13, 2021 – The American Prospect**

<https://prospect.org/politics/jim-clyburn-undercuts-democratic-police-reform-bill/>

# **A Police Union Contract Puts Taxpayers on the Hook to Defend Officers When the City Won’t** **– by Jake Pearson - ProPublica - March 26, 2021**

<https://www.propublica.org/article/a-police-union-contract-puts-taxpayers-on-the-hook-to-defend-officers-when-the-city-wont>

**I was a guest on Down to the Struts** – a podcast about disability design hosted by Qudsiya Naqui – Black Disabled Lives Matter – posted May 20, 2021 -The WIYATT

<https://thewiyatt.wordpress.com/2021/05/20/i-was-a-guest-on-down-to-the-struts-a-podcast-about-disability-and-design-hosted-by-qudsiya-naqui-black-disabled-lives-matter/>

**Say Her Name website** - <https://www.aapf.org/sayhername>

**Invisible No More** – Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color – by Andrea Ritchie - <http://invisiblenomorebook.com/>

**Transportation Equity Caucus** - CoChairs - PolicyLink - Axel Santana and Center for Disability Rights Dara Baldwin - Join us in our work - Removing Enforcement from Safety in Transportation <https://equitycaucus.org/>

*There has been a history of the 5 E’s of traffic safety – Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Evaluation and Engineering. This list has never included the “E” of equity, although we have tried for years to infuse equity work into traffic safety implementation. The TEC in that time has tried to explain that the “E” of enforcement in these 5 E’s is based in systemic and structural racism and plays an instrumental part in the disproportionate harm and killing of Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) by law enforcement.*

# **Summary of Provisions in Illinois House Bill 3653:** Criminal Justice Omnibus Bill – Safe-T-ACT - <https://www.civicfed.org/iifs/blog/summary-provisions-illinois-house-bill-3653-criminal-justice-omnibus-bill>

**CDR – TDI – May 24, 2021**