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This is my testimony for the meeting on 6/26/20

I am a resident of Stratham, NH

People of color represent 1% of NH's population, but 7% of NH's incarcerated. Anyone who says that systemic racism does not exist in NH is wrong.

NHSP's MET is nothing more than a mobile "stop and frisk". There have been numerous reports of minorities being stopped on state highways without cause. There is currently no way to address this, as demographic data, though collected, is not compiled. Demographic data related to stops with and without arrests must be compiled and made available to the public in order to identify and solve this problem. I am also disappointed by NHSP's lukewarm written response to current issues with racism and policing. The term racism was never uttered, despite what seems like a lengthy call for unity. We, as a state, must admit that systemic racism is real in order to even begin to address this problem. Anything less is unacceptable.

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