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Hello,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a comment via text. It is especially helpful due to the nature of my disability.

My concern regarding policing.

I am a bi racial native american(latino) with light skin. I often get misidentified as "white". I am a survivor of sexual assault both as a child and as an adult and suffer complex PTSD from it. I am afraid to be around men in general. If they get too close to me, follow behind me or even sometimes speak to me especially in an authoritarian tone it can trigger body language and reaction of fear and sometimes hostility. This can escalate out of control quickly into a very dangerous situation both for me and the person violating my space due to my PTSD. If I feel like a man is violating boundaries & I dont feel safe I feel like I cant call the police if the man happens to be black because I "look" white . I am afraid because people dont understand I have an invisible illness that can be seen as racism when its not. I am afraid my calls will be ignored or my complaint minimized as "shes just being another "karen" and my voice silenced due that stereotype due to my light skin or the police will minimize action because they are scared themselves of being racist & losing their job. I can also have my voice silenced due to the nature of my disability a "mental illness" which people can capitalize on by labeling me "paranoid" or "delusional". How does an officer respond to a call like this.

Thank you,

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