

## Continuing the Conversation about Public Safety

In the summer of 2020, the largest wave of civil rights protests in American history sparked an ongoing public discussion about public safety. That conversation continues, as community partners like the A.C.L.U. and others are committed to make sure we don't turn the clock back on police accountability.

In the 2023 Legislative Session, a proposal has been put forth to re-allow the use of police chokeholds, such as the kind that caused George Floyd's murder and kicked off the civil rights summer of 2020.

Police in Washington State are still permitted to seize the assets of people not charged with any crime; the practice is known as "civil assets forfeiture" and has been denounced by former Seattle Police Chief Norm Stamper. We've come a long way as a state in pursuing police accountability, but we still have a long way to go.

**Poverty Action will join coalition partners that have been furthering civil rights for decades. We'll amplify the work of community organizers and activists who have been leading the charge on police accountability, and support their efforts to make sure the continuing conversation about civil rights in Washington is a meaningful one.**