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**STATEMENT ON THE PROMOTION OF TRUTH, JUSTICE, REPARATION  
AND  
GUARANTEES OF NON-RECURRENCE**

Honorable Fabian Selvioli, it is with honor that I present the Guarantee of Non-Recurrence Introduction of a State of Georgia bill to repeal the Citizens Arrest laws in our State.

On June 5, 2020 Georgia State Representatives Gilliard, Roger Bruce, Don Hogan, William Bodie and Gerald Green co-sponsored the 'Citizens Arrest Repeal Bill' to prevent citizens in Georgia from taking the law into their own hands.

This antiquated 1863 law allows a citizen to arrest an offender of an offender is committed in his or her presence or within his or her immediate knowledge. Georgia has allowed private citizens, persons who are not law-enforcement officials to use this policy to discriminate against African Americans since its (1863) inception.

As the Georgia State House Representative for District 162, I have created a campaign to engage local and county municipalities to adopt their own '*HB 1203 - Citizens Arrest Repeal*' laws for ratification in their districts throughout the State of Georgia, South Carolina and New York State.

New York City Deputy Senate Majority Leader Rep. Michael Denarius has introduced NY State repeal legislation, State Representative Wendall Gilliard of South Carolina as well as Georgia colleagues in the cities of Mayor Shirley Sessions, Tybee Island, Mayor Harvey of Brunswick, Georgia, the home of murdered victim *Ahmaud Arbery*, killed by the hands of a father-son duo on February 23, 2020 while making an alleged '*citizen's arrest*', *Council Woman Cynthia Scott, Sylvania, GA, Councilwoman Boone, Chair, Atlanta city Council.*

This is a nationwide action to repeal the Citizens Arrest Law. This bill sets precedent for repeals – state-by-state.

We feel the repeal of the power to make a citizen's arrest must be repealed. I believe this new Bill in Georgia fulfills the prerequisite for this Geneva Hearing of being an active, vigorous and multi-dimensional memory policy to prevent the continued occurrence of structural racism within the criminal justice system directed towards African American in Georgia and throughout the United States of America.

With Honor,

**GA STATE REPRESENTATIVE CARL SCOTT GILLIARD, DISTRICT 162**