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Hello Board Members,

I am writing to you to express my opinions of and recommendation for John Patterson (JP) to be named the next Madison Police Chief. My name is Gabriel Lee, and I have gotten to know JP through less-than-ideal circumstances as my father, Detective Erik Lee, passed away on January 13th, 2025. JP has been present, accommodating, supportive, and nothing short of amazing during this time. From the initial stages of funeral service planning back in January to him being an integral part of recognizing my dad's 20+ years of public service at the Madison Police Department 2025 Awards Ceremony, JP has gone out of his way to help my family. Since the time of my dad's passing, I have spent a lot of time around many various members of the department, and I have yet to hear one negative comment about our Interim Police Chief. In every conversation I have had with JP, he has always been attentive and has come across as truly caring about what I have to say. I cannot think of a better person to fulfill the role of Madison Police Chief than John Patterson.

Thank you for taking the time to read my message,

Gabriel Lee