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Dear Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee,

I am writing with some reservations about the proposed addition of body-worn cameras for our city's police force. I was initially excited about the possibility that recordings of complicated incidents could help provide clarity and perhaps enhance the chance of accountable outcomes in incidents of police brutality or dishonesty. However, after reading articles such as this (https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.jacksonville.com_news_20180323_body-2Dcameras-2Dtell-2Dtruth-2Dright-2Dnot-2Dso-2Dfast-2Dprofessor-2Ddwams-3Ffbclid-3DlwAR3GjtsR40IQ-5FiLzQVraDi5H8sopw2e06StnFSABUZITKfTtDXUyTl-2DI&d=DwICaQ&c=byefhD2ZamMFFQYPZBAGUCDuBiM9Q9twmxaBM0hCgll&=WVP5DjhWnU6ULwaW6MPBQCsnBxRw1da4GH_1S1MLHo&m=-YLSUivpa9VOIFXqAminu5eQW5sM5Tk1J1xkzuiRBFo&s=zpnspcmYzq556lNJTcilw6qMHAq8gxWgmU-IEIE_obk&e=) I am no longer as hopeful that adding this expensive technology will be a net win for justice, especially for marginalized communities in our city already burdened by greater rates of arrest and incarceration. In such challenging economic times, we cannot afford to spend our tax dollars on things that fuel these disparities and do not create an outcome of better lives for all residents. Please choose not to spend city budget dollars on body-worn cameras for our police force.

Thank you,
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