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To: Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee
Subject: A comment regarding the current bodycam proposal
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To the members of the Body-worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee:

I am writing today in regards to the bodycam implementation measures being proposed.

I disagree with body cameras as a policy. They do not make it safer for people being stopped by police, nor are they equipped to hold the police accountable for their actions when incidents happen, either on or off camera. As a white woman, I do not feel safer knowing that the police wear body cameras because they haven't changed the aggressive police culture of those who would abuse it.

Beyond that, I am concerned about the timeline of the proposed draft and implementation. It seems to me that this draft is being reviewed very quickly without enough time being taken to review all the measures and what impact they might have on the community.

I would ask you to request an extension on the current timeframe so this committee may take the time to consider the body of research surrounding bodycams and their impact on policing in communities (especially those who have been marginalized), as well as to more thoroughly review this draft and its implications.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
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