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First, I want to thank the committee for the tremendous amount of time and effort put forth toward the review of the use of body-worn cameras. As you know, Vice-President elect Harris and Senator Booker introduced Senate bill ALB20645 Justice in Policing Act of 2020 which outlines a bold and comprehensive approach to hold police accountable, end racial profiling, change the culture of law enforcement, empower our communities, and build trust between law enforcement and our communities by addressing systemic racism and bias to help save lives.

This act requires federal uniformed police officers to wear body cameras and requires state and local law enforcement to use existing federal funds to ensure the use of police body cameras.

https://www.harris.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Justice%20In%20Policing%20Act.pdf

Also on July 13, 2020, Dr. Marcus Allen, President of the African American Council of Churches, sent a letter to the PFC recommending that the next MPD Chief follow the federal standards on de-escalation proposed by this Act.

https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8838198&GUID=A7238936-FFF3-4C61-9E0E-76021BC4677D

I have included the links to these documents for your reference. In light of these recommendations, I support the use of Body-Worn cameras for MPD.

Thank you,

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