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Dear Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee,

I am writing to point out that one of the most prominent organizations representing the Black Lives Matter movement has changed its position on body cameras. Campaign Zero had previously called for body cameras as part of its "comprehensive platform of research-based policy solutions to end police brutality in America". Campaign Zero is also the organization responsible for the 8 Can't Wait police reform agenda.

Campaign Zero has now come out against starting any new body camera programs. It states " Due to a range of research studies finding no evidence that body cameras reduce police use of force, we caution cities *against* adopting new body camera programs."

This is consistent with the position of the Movement for Black Lives. The Movement for Black Lives has always opposed body cameras, as part of its call to end surveillance on Black communities.

With body cameras, we've been sold a false bill of goods. We were told they'd reduce police use of force, produce accountability after police killings, improve police behavior, and increase trust. But none of that appears true. They're mostly a surveillance tool, mostly used to collect evidence against civilians, especially in overpoliced Black and Brown communities. That will just make things worse.

Thank you,

Sue Nelson