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Dear Alderman Evers,

When you vote on the budget, you make choices of where to allocate funds. I'm glad you are planning to allocate more funds to traffic enforcement, thank you.

Please see a sampling of articles from the New York Times, Isthmus, and Wisconsin State Journal that I've read indicating less funding in the budget for traffic enforcement while you and the current mayor were in office. I don't make statements flippantly, that's great you didn't cut a TEST team and will advocate to fund another.

Sincerely,
Sally Lehner

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Hi Sally,

Prior to the time I was elected to Common Council, in 2016 or 2017 when Paul Soglin was Mayor, the city eliminated one of the Traffic Enforcement Safety Teams. There has only been one TEST team since I've been on Council.

This is the second time you've claimed I am responsible for reducing traffic enforcement in the city, that it

happened on my watch. It is simply not true.

I have copied Madison Police Chief John Patterson if you have further questions about this matter. Chief Patterson can attest that I have been in conversations before and after Sasha's death to explore adding a second team.

I may not be able to convince you that I and my colleagues on Council, together with the Mayor's office and city staff, take seriously the matter of traffic safety, but I can assure you we do.

Sincerely,

Tag Evers



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Dear Alderman Evers,

I am writing to you today as a parent of a West High School classmate of Sasha Rosen. I visited the intersection where he was killed, there is a constant stream of speeding cars and reckless driving. It's very scary to cross the intersection with the flashing beacon.

I called Sergeant Kurt Wege to report the reckless driving, even in the presence of the flowers and memorial marking Sasha's death.

According to Sergeant Wege, MPD doesn't have enough funding to enforce traffic laws. There are only five officers enforcing traffic safety for the entire city due to cuts you and others have made. Can Sasha's death lead you to change course and advocate for

more traffic enforcement funding?

The loss of Sasha is a tragedy and also completely preventable. Your public comment on the District 13 blog, justifying the safety of the intersection where he was killed, stating that you've learned that it exceeds safety standards, is ludicrous.

Increased investment traffic calming infrastructure and addressing speeding issues on Park St. and across our community can make sure this never happens again to another family.

As a leader, I'm asking you today for visible and impactful advocacy in the fight for safer streets.

Sincerely,
Sally Lehner