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Message:

Dear City Council,

I hope that this is not the only message that you receive voicing support for the City of Madison to adopt body-worn cameras, to be worn by active duty Police at all times. I was surprised to learn that UW Police already wear body cameras, yet the city does not. The reasons for that discrepancy are not important only the future is important.
You have the opportunity to remove "he said, she said" from every police encounter hereon. You have the opportunity to bring a higher level of accountability to officers and the people they encounter. You have the opportunity to bring a greater level of trust to the relationship between police and civilians. You have the ability to create real social change that our communities are so desperate for.
I have no doubt that body camera policies will sweep the nation in the aftermath of recent events. Years from now, we will look back with shocking disgust that there was a time that an officer could commit an act of violence and that their word would be the only evidence for or against.
A just cause is unstoppable, it is only a matter of how long you wish to stand in opposition. I am encouraged that a commission has been formed, but I implore you not to spend too much time deliberating the inevitable. Act now, do the right thing, and bring peace of mind to those who are hurting so badly, for they will continue to hurt until a policy is in place. Every day counts. I have confidence in you to do the right thing for the city of Madison. It is what we elected you to do.
Thank you,
Conor McInerny