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Dear Members of the Common Council, Finance Committee, Equal Opportunities Committee, Public Safety Review Committee and Common Council Executive Committee,

Thank you for your service to the City of Madison and broader community, who look to the City's actions to guide their own policies.

I am writing to ask you to pass the ordinance creating Sections 5.19 and 5.20 of the Madison General Ordinances establishing the Office of the Independent Police Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board.

The process used to develop this ordinance was fair and transparent, and this ordinance represents an historic opportunity to Improve community-police relations and make Madison a safer place for everyone. Formalized civilian oversight is the most direct way the City can ensure that the MPD is responsive to the needs and concerns of all segments of the community, and thereby build trust.

The proposed oversight structure has been carefully crafted to provide what promises to be one of the most effective and progressive civilian police oversight agencies in the nation, helping fulfill a vision of true community control of policing. I urge you all to continue to be a positive part of this historic effort and to pass the Alder Work Group's ordinance creating Sections 5.19 and 5.20 of the Madison General Ordinances establishing the Office of the Independent Police Monitor and the Police Civilian Oversight Board as it was written in an open, inclusive and transparent process by the Alder Workgroup to Develop Logistics and Operational Details for MPD Independent Civilian Oversight.

Sincerely,

Carol Hermann