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To: Body-Worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee
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I would like to share some concerns I have with recommending use of bodycams and the process the committee seems to using to come to its recommendations.

It seems that one of the Co-Chairs wrote a draft final report without asking the committee for permission, and then sent it to the committee a week ago. There seem to be two concerns with this: 1. This draft report does not accurately reflect existing scientific research on bodycams, nor adequately address the negative consequences use of bodycams has on communities, especially BIPOC communities. 2. There does not seem to be enough time to have thorough discussion and deliberation by all committee members and hear input from the community, thus limiting modifications to the report that would allow for concern number 1. to be addressed.

If protecting our community is the most important goal, then I strongly urge you to please ask the Council for an extension. The committee needs time to deliberate and think through its recommendations for whether bodycams should or should not be implemented. And if recommended, then it is even more important that there be time to write up very thoughtful implementation and MPD policy recommendations. The well-being of our community is relying on the committee and the Council getting this right to avoid potentially increasing criminal prosecution of residents for minor offenses, as studies show have occurred in other communities when bodycam use was implemented. As well as concern that use of bodycams leads to expansion of the surveillance state. For your consideration: "The City of Salisbury received a $500,000 grant in 2019 from the U.S. Department of Justice to help fund the Rowan Regional Crime Intelligence Center. The RCIC will serve as a central location for federal, state, and local officers to work together while also integrating technologies for case investigation and intelligence sharing. The Salisbury Police Department began accessing video feeds throughout the city as part of the project." https://atlasofsurveillance.org/search?agency=Salisbury%20Police%20Department&fbclid=IwAR1xOJVi47kLd1xvhNDMGzIppRCOe9UfVKv6YnxViZVwp0vW5HF2akGyuT4

Thank you for your time,
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