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Dear Alders, Mayor and Committee Members:

It's time to move from theorizing, analyzing and discussing the pros and cons of a police body-worn camera program and implement the pilot program that was included in the 2021 budget for MPD's North District.

Almost two-thirds of the law enforcement agencies in the state already have a body camera programs in place including local agencies like Fitchburg, Middleton and UWPD. At this rate, the state may mandate police body-worn cameras long before Madison can even get a pilot program off the ground.

President Biden is on record saying police should be required to wear body cameras to "protect the safety and rights of police officers and citizens." And this summer WI Attorney General Josh Kaul said he would like to see the state help support the purchase of body cameras for agencies that don't have them.

It's time for Madison to move forward on this issue. Please accept the thorough work done by the Body-worn Camera Feasibility Review Committee, and let's get the pilot program started in the North District.

Thank you!

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