Police Commissioner William Gross

Boston Police Department

One Schroeder Plaza

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Re: Citizen Demand for Implementation of ***8 Can’t Wait*** *Reforms*

Dear Commissioner Gross,

The recent death of George Floyd deeply distresses me. As a resident of Boston, I share your concern for the safety and wellbeing of our citizens.

I thank you for the steps you and the officers under your command have already taken toward police reform and accountability. I appreciate your officers’ de-escalation response to protests, in particular some took a knee to show solidarity with the community.

Still, more must be done.

In Boston alone, there have been 9 officer-involved deaths from 2013 - 2019. I believe this number is as troubling to you as it is to me.

Excessive force and racial bias in all police departments must stop NOW, before another person is injured or killed.

I respectfully request that you put in place the **8 Can’t Wait** ([www.8cantwait.org](http://www.8cantwait.org)) reforms that have not yet been implemented in Boston. The data proves the **8 Can’t Wait** policies have led to a reduction in officer involved deaths and an increase in public trust.

Currently, this is the **8 Can’t Wait** scorecard for Boston:

1. Ban Chokeholds and Strangleholds **Implemented**

2. Require De-Escalation **Not Implemented**

3. Require Warning Before Shooting **Not Implemented**

4. Requires Exhausting All Alternatives Before Shooting **Implemented Successfully**

5. Duty to Intervene **Not Implemented**

6. Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles **Implemented Successfully**

7. Require Use of Force Continuum **Implemented Successfully**

8. Require Comprehensive Reporting **Not Implemented**

I call on you to produce a public, transparent, and comprehensive plan of action to implement the **8 Can’t Wait** policies by August 31, 2020.

Please inform me of your progress on or before this date.

Thank you,