Chief of Police Paul Pazen

Denver Police Department

1331 Cherokee Street

Denver, Colorado  80204

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

Dear Chief Pazen,

The recent death of George Floyd deeply distresses me. As a resident of Denver, 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 police chief went arm-in-arm with protesters.

Still, more must be done.

In Denver alone, there have been 29 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 Denver.  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 Denver

1. Ban Chokeholds and Strangleholds **Implemented**

2. Require De-Escalation **Implemented Successfully**

3. Require Warning Before Shooting **Implemented Successfully**

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

5. Duty to Intervene **Implemented Successfully**

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,