Acting Chief of Police Victor Wahl

Madison Police Department

211 South Carroll St.

Madison, Wisconsin 53703

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

Dear Acting Chief Wahl,

The recent death of George Floyd deeply distresses me. As a resident of Madison, 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 the roughly 15 officers, including you, who marched in solidarity with the BLM movement.

Still, more must be done.

In Madison alone, there have been 7 officer-involved deaths from 2013-2016. 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 Madison. 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 Madison:

1. Ban Chokeholds and Strangleholds **Implemented**

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

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

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

5. Duty to Intervene **Not Implemented**

6. Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles **Not Implemented**

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,