Police Chief Gordon Ramsay

​City Hall

455​ N Main, 4th Floor

Wichita, KS 67202​

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

Dear Chief Ramsay,

The recent death of George Floyd deeply distresses me. As a resident of Wichita, 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.

Still, more must be done.

In Wichita alone, there have been 13 officer involved deaths from 2013 – 2019, contributing to a total of 75 in the state of Kansas. 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) reforms that have not yet been implemented in Wichita. 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 scorecard for our city:

1. Ban Chokeholds and Strangleholds **[Not Implemented]**

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

3. Require Warning Before Shooting **[Implemented]**

4. Requires Exhausting All Alternatives Before Shooting **[Not Implemented]**

5. Duty to Intervene **[Not Implemented]**

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

7. Require Use of Force Continuum **[Implemented]**

8. Require Comprehensive Reporting **[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.

Sincerely,

{INSERT NAME HERE}