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Commissioner Soler,

We were disappointed to learn that the Fire and Police Commission, at its April 16th meeting, deferred action on the resolution regarding the use of force/chokeholds until its May 6th meeting. While we can understand the desire to have the full complement of commissioners consider the matter and we appreciate the invitation for more citizen input, we believe it is incumbent on the commission to take action to eliminate this unnecessary procedure at the earliest opportunity.

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act that is currently pending in the United States Congress, would, among other things, prohibit federal police officers from using chokeholds or other carotid holds (which led to the death of Eric Garner), and require state and local law enforcement agencies that receive federal funding to adopt the same position. The legislation in Congress is endorsed by more than 100 civil rights groups, including the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, NAACP, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, ACLU, National Urban League, Amnesty International and the National Action Network. There is a broad consensus that the prohibition of this procedure, which has proven to be deadly, would be a significant step to protect citizens from police violence.

On behalf of the citizens of Milwaukee, we urge you to take action to prohibit the use of this brutal procedure by the Milwaukee Police Department.

We trust that you will consider immediate action on this matter.

Sincerely,

Wendy Volz Daniels

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“Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are” – Benjamin Franklin

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” –Margaret Mead

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