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Chief John Drake
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Dear Chief Drake,

As the newly elected Chair of the Community Oversight Board, I look forward to working with you and your department toward the goal of making Nashville a safer city for all.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board in reply to MNPB's Proposed Resolution Report CC2020-013 Response. The Board stands by the findings of CC2020-013, including the conclusion that Captain Whited (then lieutenant) should not have authorized the vehicle block with the information provided to him.

The Board tasked me with expressing our concern with your findings that there was reasonable suspicion for any police action at that point of the incident in question. More specifically, what range of vehicles qualifies for reasonable suspicion, if the color, make, and model of vehicle is sufficient for suspicion?

As reported in section V item 8 "The vehicle that was under surveillance by MNPB was a silver/gray Nissan Rogue, a different make, model and color than Complainant-2's black jeep." This fact begs the question whether all vehicles in Nashville Davidson County would have been under suspicion.

Based on the above we ask that you reconsider your rejection of the Board's findings as it relates to the Recommended Actions for Captain Whited.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Arnold G. Hayes".

Arnold G. Hayes
Chair
Community Oversight Board