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Cc: Maglaras, George
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Good Afternoon:

I am forwarding this letter on behalf of George Maglaras.

Jean L. Miccolo, Administrative Assistant

June 3, 2020

Dover City Mayor & Council Members
Dover City Hall
288 Central Avenue
Dover, New Hampshire 03820
Sent via e-mail

Dear Mayor Carrier and Council Members:

As a former Mayor of Dover, I am writing in regards to the issue concerning the Dover Mounted Patrol. This unit has been in existence for over twenty years and has been a great asset to the City of Dover from a public relations perspective.

It is my personal opinion, however, that this program should continue to be suspended until we determine the future financial needs of the City. I support Police Chief Breault's recommendation to suspend the program's operation. The additional financial burden on taxpayers and community businesses as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic should be taken into consideration and weighed against the good public relations that the program offers. Is the Mounted Patrol Unit a necessity during this time of uncertainty or is it something that gives the Police Department a nice "face" to present to the public and encourage support for our officers? I think our police force stands on its own as providing an outstanding service in the public's eyes, and is something that the City is already very proud of.

Perhaps we can re-visit these types of public relations programs when times and finances are in a better place.

Very truly yours,

George Maglaras

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