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To Whom it May Concern

My name is Nate Burnett, I'm a ward 2 resident and a business owner downtown. I implore the city do all we can to keep the mounted patrol on the roster and not cut the program.

We all understand the need to cut budgets right now, but I can tell you right now, the only officers you see out on a daily beat without a vehicle are the mounted patrol. They bring smiles to everyone's faces and put a real face to the department.

In the current environment, we need more community based policing and less stoic policing. Being downtown most days, I can safely say that the most interactions I see between the police and the public are with the mounted patrol, that is not to discount the interactions that all other officers have, but the mounted patrol is hard to miss when you're out for a walk and you see these officers smiling and saying hello as they patrol, there's more interaction than someone just driving by.

I have respect for all of Dover PD, we've had great response from anyone we've encountered but it is in my opinion that the mounted patrol needs to stay.

Thank you,
Nate Burnett