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Hi there,

My name is Jack Callahan, and I own 15 Forest Street, here in Dover. I am a volunteer with Dover's Mounted Patrol, and am writing to show my support for the continuation of the patrol.

As a volunteer I can personally attest to the support the Mounted Patrol receives here in Dover. Additionally, as I understand it the patrol is funded by donations to supplement the volunteer support it receives. I feel that this combination of support warrants the public having a significant role in deciding whether the mounted control continues; we are the ones making it possible in the first place.

Finally, as we watch cities engulfed in violence and police brutality, there could never be a worse time to end a program that builds positive community relationships with the police. As a volunteer, I've seen plenty of young families stop at the stables. The children know the horses by name, and understand that they help keep the community safe.

Discontinuing the Dover Mounted Patrol will have a negative impact on the city and its population and will remove an equine "bridge" that the police and the community have to form relationships, and doing so right now would be horrendous timing. Police forces and the tools they do and don't employ to protect and serve have never been under more scrutiny. Ending the mounted patrol would be an unforced error on the Police Department's part.

Thank you,
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