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To whom it may concern,

I want to express my sincerest gratitude to the Dover Mounted Patrol unit for everything they have done for not just the city of Dover, but for me individually. I've lived in Dover my whole life, with the exception of moving away for school, and have nothing but the fondest of memories of the Dover Mounted Patrol unit. Those of you reading this email may recognize my last name, as I am the daughter of former Dover police chief William Fenniman. As his daughter, I grew up with an extra special appreciation for the officers and horses of the Dover Mounted Patrol. There was simply nothing sweeter and more welcoming than the friendly faces of the officers riding through town, who constantly took time out of their day to greet young children like me (and even adults) and ensure that we were safe, healthy, and happy.

To this day, I remain close friends with a former Mounted Patrol officer, Michelle Murch. She has watched me grow up into who I am today, and I can truthfully say I would not be sitting here practicing the career of my dreams if it were not for her support along the way. She played an instrumental role in my applying to the NH Bar and becoming a lawyer. Michelle is a shining example of how the Mounted Patrol creates lifelong connections with members of the Dover community and finds the most unique ways to enrich the lives of each individual they come into contact with.

I have a few anecdotes I'd like to share about the Dover Mounted Patrol, just to give you a glimpse into how special the unit is. As a young girl, I brought one of the Mounted Patrol horses to my kindergarten show and tell. All of my classmates were amazed at the horse and completely engaged with the officer who was sitting atop. This was such a wonderful, fun, and educational moment for myself and my classmates. Not only that, but introducing police officers to young children is an amazing opportunity to show kids that officers are here to help us, not hurt us. My appreciation for the Dover Mounted Patrol runs so deep, that whenever a new friend of mine from out of town/state comes to visit for the first time, one of my favorite things to do is introduce them to the Dover Mounted Patrol. In 2014, my best friend from Colombia, South America visited New Hampshire. One of the first things we did, and one of her most favorite activities the entire trip, was visiting the Dover Mounted Patrol and riding the horses. I truly cannot say enough good things about this unit and how essential they are in creating kind, engaging, and inspiring connections in our community.

During these challenging times, I can't think of a unit more deserving of recognition. The Mounted Patrol brings our community together and puts a smile on our faces even during the toughest of times. With the ongoing pandemic, as well as the current riots and uproar regarding police in America, I feel it is extremely important to do everything we can to maintain peaceful connections with our peers and stick together as a community. The Dover Mounted Patrol is essential in this task, and I hope you all will feel the same way.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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