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Good afternoon,

I'm writing in regards to the upcoming Workshop Session regarding the Dover Police Mounted Patrol. It's unclear from the calendar listing what the goal of this session is, and naturally, there are rumors spreading on social media that the Mounted Patrol's existence is in jeopardy.

Whatever the actual goal of this workshop is, I wanted to write and express my support for the Mounted Patrol, and my sincere hope that the City and Police Department intend to keep them around. They are a wonderful addition to our community, providing the kind of outreach and connection that is especially relevant in these turbulent times. They also provide a cost effective solution for crowd control and crime reduction in our (non-pandemic) vibrant downtown.

Seeing them on the community trail, near the park, or on the street, is a welcome sight, and one that makes Dover stand out as a destination city. (As a side note, I also enjoy seeing the off-duty horses when out for a run). Moreover, the connection to the community they provide cannot be overstated, and that connection is more important than ever right now. Reading Chief Breault's open letter to the community yesterday, I know he understands this well, and I believe the Council also does.

While it's clear that we are in an unprecedented situation, and change is to be expected, the Mounted Patrol should remain an important part of what makes our city special.

Thank you for your time.

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