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Dear Fire and Police Commission:

As you are aware, the Urban Institute worked with Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) to write a proposal for the Bureau of Justice Assistance to evaluate MPD's Body Worn Camera (BWC) implementation. At the time of that proposal, MPD planned on deploying a total of 200-250 BWCs and providing us with a year of follow-up data on use of force incidents and citizen complaints. The current schedule is to have all of the BWCs deployed by October 2016, which only provides us with six months of follow-up time to collect outcome data for our randomized controlled trial evaluation.

I write this letter to formally request that the final phase of MPD's BWC deployment be delayed from October 2016 until December 2016. The Urban Institute believes this is critical for its research as it will allow sufficient follow-up time for our randomized controlled trial evaluation of the BWCs program. The additional three months of data (for a total of nine months) will increase the statistical significance of our findings.

MPD also supports this request and does not foresee an issue with delaying BWC deployment until the end of the year. Thank you for your consideration of this joint request.

Sincerely,



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