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March 24, 2025

Alder Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President, Board of Alders  
23rd Ward  
Board of Alders  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Ordinance Amendment to Appropriating Ordinance # 1 of FY 2024-2025 Budget Transfer # 201-25-1

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

I am writing to notify you that funds are needed to supplement a variety of police budget accounts and respectfully request a transfer within the Police Department's General Fund Operating Budget of \$1,300,000 from Police Services salary accounts and the General Fund labor reserves to overtime.

Since Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020 the Police Department has been experiencing a significant staff shortage. During FY 2016-2017 the Department averaged a sworn personnel count of 435. By FY 2019-2020 this number declined to 349, and as of March 24, 2025 the FY 2024-2025 count was 327. Looking at budgeted strength data dating back to FY 1992-1993, the Police Department has averaged 410 sworn personnel over the past 30 years. This staff shortage is the main driver of the Police Department's overtime, followed by incident response and investigation.

We look forward to your support and discussing with you the direction the Police Department is heading to analyze the origin and direction of the funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karl Jacobson".

Karl Jacobson  
Chief of Police

Cc:  
Sean Matteson, Chief of Staff  
Shannon McCue, Budget Director  
Justin McCarthy, Acting CAO