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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers  
President of the Board of Aldermen  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I write to request time from the Public Safety Committee to conduct a workshop with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief of Police on the use of drone technology and the Star Chase program for discussion purposes.

Both are new technologies for the department. The Administration would request time from the Committee to allow a presentation on the intended use and prohibited practices of both technologies.

The Star Chase program would aid the department by helping to avoid the need of dangerous car pursuits and allowing for the safe apprehension of fleeing felony vehicles. The drone program would reduce time on task and taxpayer costs for motor vehicle reconstruction, aid in the search for missing children, and could be used in active shooter scenarios to limit interactions between officers and suspects, and quickly reduce threats to members of the public.

We look forward to discussing with the Public Safety Committee the use of the technologies that the Chief and Chief Administrative Officer are seeking to implement to improve quality of life and increase public safety in our fair city. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sean Matteson  
Chief of Staff

Cc: Hon. Brian Wingate, Chair of the Public Safety Committee  
Regina Rush-Kittle, Chief Administrative Officer  
Karl Jacobson, Chief of Police Services