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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to the recent news article highlighting some of the council members wanting to shut down the Ramsey County Sheriffs video outreach program.

First, if you were to watch the live streams you would see what great things Sheriff Fletcher and Patrick Scott do for Ramsey Co residents. I can't tell you how many times people recognize them and say hi or want to give them tips on crime.

Second, by Sheriff Fletcher doing this it provides transparency to the public, and yourselves on what is going on not only in policing but in the community.

I ask that you all familiarize yourselves with the broken windows theory, it states:

"The **broken windows theory** is a criminological **theory** that states that visible signs of crime, anti-social behavior, and civil disorder create an urban environment that encourages further crime and disorder, including serious crimes."

So by the Sheriff and Mr Scott patrolling the areas, while live helps discourage further crime in the St Paul and Ramsey county areas, it let's the residents see what goes on in their community! Sheriff Fletcher and Mr Scott don't patrol with the mentality of "we are going to arrest someone" they do it with the mentality of who can we help today.

Sheriff Fletcher just the other night bought 5 pizzas out of his own pocket for a young girl who was having a birthday that he stumbled upon while on patrol. That same night he picked up a young African American male that needed help, he gave him a ride, food and even money out of his own pocket! That was just two scenarios in ONE NIGHT. To think there is members of this council that want to shut his out reach down for their own political aspirations is disgusting. If you really want to help the community you will come together, and work with Sheriff Fletcher versus against him. When two powerful forces come together to work, think of the help they can offer. Remember you are there to help and serve the residents of Ramsey County. I beg of you to with Sheriff Fletcher, just think of how much good both sides can do working together.

Ramsey county is lucky to have a Sheriff of the highest caliber such as Bob Fletcher. I wish more law enforcement agencies had people like him, if they did this world would be a better place!

Thank you for your time

Respectfully

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