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## Council Members:

As a citizen who has both lived and/or worked in Ramsey County since 1961, I would like to express my support for Sheriff Fletcher's "Live on Patrol" YouTube and Facebook broadcasts.

If there is one thing that clearly comes through in each and every one of Fletcher's broadcasts, it is his love and commitment to the whole of Ramsey County, the City of St. Paul and the entire TC Metro area. Rarely have I heard anything negative on his broadcasts in relation to the Twin Cities and its citizens. I'm sure you would agree (assuming you have familiarized yourselves with the broadcasts) that they are a huge asset to the business communities of the local area.

Fletcher, along with his long-time friend and former colleague, Pat Scott, has amassed a huge following, including a large base of followers from other states within the US, and indeed from many other countries throughout the world. He is an avid Twin Cities historian and his knowledge of the local area is astounding; even as a longtime citizen, I have learned a great deal about the Twin Cities metro area, Ramsey County, and St. Paul in particular, from Sheriff Bob Fletcher's live broadcasts.

Their motto during each broadcast is "Be Kind". Indeed, they have shown kindness, respect, compassion and appreciation for nearly everyone Fletcher and Scott have encountered in the live streams. The transparency at this point in time is critical, and it would seem to defy all logic to prevent them from continuing to build community respect, rapport, awareness, and outreach!

Obviously, as to be expected, not everyone is a fan; and of course, Fletcher is not perfect. However, his live streams are informative and educational, thought-provoking, occasionally moving and poignant, occasionally humorous and entertaining, and most importantly, refreshing for the transparency; the portrayal of law enforcement's overall compassion, commitment and fundamental decency and humanity. (Indeed, there may be a few LEO's who would do well to take notes!)

Clearly, the transparency has struck a chord and is so desperately needed right now. For his following to have grown so rapidly, he is clearly providing a necessary service through the informative "Live on Patrol" broadcasts.

Please do not discourage the community outreach, educational and transparency efforts of Fletcher and his team!

Thank you!

WV, Long Time Citizen of St. Paul and Ramsey County