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Dear City Council,

I am a Somerville resident and law professor who researches oversight of police surveillance technology. Based on my experience with other jurisdictions, having a BWC use policy is of critical importance. Leaving BWC use to officer discretion creates down-the-line problems for all parties. Similarly, establishing a transparency policy is critical. Having an understanding of when and why litigants and the public would be able to access footage will avoid future disputes.

I would be happy to discuss these issues in more detail, at any time.

Sincerely,

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