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Dear Mr. Tobin and Ms. Morgan,

As Chief Flynn indicated at the Fire and Police Commission's March 21, 2013 Board Meeting, the Milwaukee Police Department is reconfiguring its Standard Operating Procedure 90 which includes such topics as strip searches and body-cavity searches. It is our understanding that the new Standard Operating Procedure 85 on "Citizen Contact" will be presented to the Fire and Police Commission for its approval in the near future.

We urge you and your colleagues to exercise your authority to ensure that the public has an opportunity to review and comment on SOP 85.

We urge the Fire and Police Commission to hold over final consideration of the proposal on "Citizen Contact" to allow the Milwaukee community time to review and comment on the new procedure before its adoption.

We believe it is necessary to assure the public that the Board of the Fire and Police Commission will consider public testimony as a vital part of their review process as they move forward. You may wish to consider holding a special meeting of the Commission to take public testimony at a time and place convenient to the public. Depending on the number of individuals who wish to speak, we urge you to allow more than two minutes per person.

Given the seriousness and complexity of these issues, it is imperative that this process be transparent. You and your colleagues must devote time to reviewing the policy, and the public must be permitted to give feedback. **Please notify us at which Commission meetings the policy will be reviewed.**

Thank you for your cooperation on behalf of the undersigned community leaders and organizational representatives:

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