

DEAR COUNCILMAN MOLLETTE,

AS A CONCERNED RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS AN ISSUE THAT I FEEL NEEDS LOOKING INTO CONCERNING THE CHIEF OF POLICE WANTING TO RAISE TAXES, FOR MORE POLICE. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY OFFICER STEVEN NAGEL HAS NOT RETURNED TO WORK WHEN HE WAS SUPPOSED TO RETURN TO WORK OVER A YEAR AGO AFTER AN WRONGFUL FIRING BY CHIEF HORNER. MY PARENTS AND I KNOW STEVE AND HIS FAMILY WELL AND I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT AFTER THE CITY LOST AN ARBITRATION HEARING THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ONLY PROLONG THIS, LET ALONE DEPRIVE THE CITY OF WHAT WE ALONG WITH MOST PEOPLE WHO KNOW STEVE A FINE POLICE OFFICER. AND I AM OUTRAGED THAT THE MAYOR WHOM MY MOTHER SPOKE TO ABOUT STEVE ACTED AS THOUGH HE DID NOT EVEN KNOW WHO STEVE WAS AND THAT IT WAS A DECISION LEFT UP TO THE CHIEF. STEVE HAS LIVED MOST OF HIS LIFE ABOUT TEN HOUSES DOWN THE STREET FROM MR. COBB, AND I DIDN'T ELECT HORNER AS MAYOR I VOTED FOR MR. COBB, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THIS IS A DECISION FOR A CHIEF OF POLICE TO MAKE NOR A DECISION TO RAISE OUR TAXES FOR MORE POLICE WHEN CHIEF HORNER IS KEEPING A POLICE OFFICER FROM PROTECTING THIS CITY. I ALSO FEEL THAT STEVE SHOULD BE PUT BACK TO WORK BECAUSE HE IS ONE OF THE FEW THAT ACTUALLY LIVES IN THE CITY. (A PERSON TENDS TO HAVE MORE OF AN INTEREST IN SOMETHING IF THEY ACTUALLY HAVE A CONNECTION TO SOMETHING.) LASTLY I FEEL THAT RESIDENTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO ADDRESS COUNCIL WITHOUT HAVING A POLICEMAN ASK THEM WHY THEY ARE THERE, AND WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT AS HAPPENED TO ME A YEAR AGO, I HAVE NOT ATTENDED SINCE AND FEEL THAT IF THE POLICE ARE GOING TO BE USED AS A "GOON SQUAD" THEN NO NEW TAXES FOR MORE POLICE, AND IF CITIZEN TAX PAYERS ARE GOING TO PAY FOR PROLONGED LAWSUITS AGAINST GOOD PEOPLE LIKE STEVEN AND HIS FAMILY, THEN I WILL VOTE DOWN ANY NEW TAXES FOR POLICE OR ANYTHING ELSE FOR THAT MATTER. I AM NOT SIGNING THIS LETTER, BECAUSE I DON'T FEEL IT WOULD HELP ME IF I NEEDED THE POLICE TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THEIR LEADER, AND THE ONE POLICE OFFICER I TRUSTED AS DID MY FAMILY IS STILL CURRENTLY FIRED, NOT TO SAY THAT THEY ARE ALL BAD, THERE IS A FEW THAT ARE GOOD AND KIND BUT NOT MANY. PLEASE COUNCILMAN MOLLETTE YOU SEEM TO BE THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS ANY SENSE, HELP THE RESIDENTS OF PORTSMOUTH, GOOD MIDDLE CLASS FOLKS LIKE STEVE AND HIS YOUNG FAMILY ARE WHAT WE NEED TO MAKE THIS CITY GREAT AGAIN.

SIGNED CONCERNED CITIZEN