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**From:** lisa jurgensen <jurgenlm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 7:54 AM  
**To:** Mayor <Mayor@WATERLOO-IA.ORG>  
**Subject:** Griffin Resolution

Dear Mayor Hart,

I am sharing the email that I've sent to all members of the Waterloo City Council regarding the resolution to remove the griffin from the Waterloo Police Department.

*My name is Lisa Jurgensen and I reside at 2157 Touchae Street, Waterloo. I am writing you to express my concern regarding the resolution to remove the griffin logo from the Waterloo Police Department. My husband has proudly served the Waterloo community as a member of the Waterloo Police Department for the past 11 years. Being the spouse of a police officer is not always an easy role. There are more times than I can count where my children and I have relinquished our time with him because the city needed him more. He has missed bedtimes, birthdays, school events, holidays, vacations, anniversaries and more because of his commitment and duty to the city of Waterloo. Nevertheless, my children and I are so proud of the man who walks out the door every day, wearing a badge adorned with a griffin, because we know he is fulfilling his calling to be a protector of the city we choose to reside in and call our own. We are equally proud of the Department he serves on, which is known and distinguished by the griffin. The griffin is known for guarding treasures and priceless possessions. In the Waterloo community our most priceless possessions are the people. The men and women of the Waterloo Police Department wear their patch with pride as they selflessly guard and protect the people in our great city.*

*The symbolism of the griffin means a great deal to those who choose to wear it. The griffin and all it represents is deeply embedded into the hearts and souls of the brave officers who have served our city since the griffin was introduced in 1964. Many have retired wearing the griffin; some have died wearing the griffin. I am asking the members of city council to please consider what removing the existing griffin from the Waterloo Police Department will do to the morale of our city's officers and vote against the resolution. Let's show our officers and the families standing behind them that we support them, that we believe in them, and we are proud of their service to our city.*

Sincerely,  
Lisa Jurgensen