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From: Julie Ritland <jritland@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Mayor <Mayor@WATERLOO-IA.ORG>
Subject: WPD

Dear Mayor Hart,

I am writing today in support of keeping the griffin symbol for the Waterloo Police Department. In the beginning of this debate I did not feel compelled to reach out in either direction with my support. As the discussion continued, I visited with police officers and read social media posts from officers and their family members regarding the rationale for retaining the symbol on their uniform. I now realize that I need to back the officers who feel so

passionately about the patch.

These men and women routinely sacrifice for the good of our community. When they leave for work, they do not know what their day will bring or what they will encounter during their shift. They serve as protectors for the citizens of Waterloo and they do it with pride.

The symbolism of the griffin clearly means a great deal to the men and women who wear it. It is our duty to respect their wishes to retain the symbol on their gear. I am hopeful the members of the city council will consider this as they vote on this resolution. Please join me in supporting our officers and vote down the resolution that would remove the symbol that represents guarding and protecting...for this is precisely what they do every day.

Sincerely,

Julie Ritland