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**To:** [Nancy Higby](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please do not remove the Griffin symbol  
**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 10:30:34 AM

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**From:** DeeAnn Burns <[deeanmarie23@gmail.com](mailto:deeanmarie23@gmail.com)>  
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**To:** Mayor <[Mayor@WATERLOO-IA.ORG](mailto:Mayor@WATERLOO-IA.ORG)>  
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**I am in favor of keeping the Griffin on the Waterloo police departments patch. It in no way depicts the kkk dragon symbol. If it did I would be all for removing it. My father served our community as a proud Waterloo police officer for over 20 years before he was injured in the line of duty and had to retire early.**

**He loved his job he loved helping people I was always so proud of him. I grew up with the Griffin symbol proudly displayed on my fathers uniform and in our home as he went out to help people in our community everyday putting his life on the line to save others. I have so much pride in the Griffin symbol growing up my father taught me it meant pride in yourself and your job, protection of your community and everyone in it, safety to keep everyone in our community safe, courage to do the right thing even when it's hard and vigilance keeping careful watch over everyone to protect them from danger. I named my first born son Griffin after this symbol. He is very proud of his Grandfather for his service to this community. His dream has always been to become a police officer and wear the Griffin patch proudly and serve his community just like his Grandfather did for so many years. I have never in my life heard of it described as a green eyed n word eater until I read that in an article today. That is disturbing and if someone said that they do not deserve to wear the uniform and be a police officer because that is not ok in any way and that is not at all what this symbol stands for! Please do not just get rid of it! It means so much more to the people who wear it proudly to serve this community than you could possibly imagine! Thank you you for your time!**