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From: Beth Delagardelle <rpmdesigns472@gmail.com>
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My husband and I have been residents of

Waterloo for 36 years and strongly oppose changing the griffin logo that our committed officers proudly wear. Our city does not need to spend the time and resources to change the Griffin logo to pander to a few. What is needed is to educate them the history and the legacy behind it and if that does not suffice then we guess it's just too bad for them. Our committed officers have proudly worn this logo for decades and understand it's unique story and what it represents which is to protect and serve others. We attended the police academy graduation in Camp Dodge several years ago and Waterloo's unique badge stood out above all others and even more so with the unique story behind it dating back to Greek mythology.

This is just an insult to our police family who are already under heightened criticism and disrespect throughout the country. Without your support, our loyal in blue may question their every move in dangerous situations for fear they will scrutinized and questioned in justifiable arrests. The elimination of this logo is an insult and lack of respect to your community police officers.

Police are resigning in droves across the country the past two months and others are strongly considering their options for a career change. This is happening right now amongst our own force in Waterloo. Our larger cities are experiencing double digit crime increases and terrified citizens and businesses large and small, many owned by minorities and immigrants who have poured their money into the American dream and can't afford to leave. Citizens are being left to defend themselves. We have visited and stayed in many of these once great cities but will never go back with what is happening. Our public officers across the country are being killed, maimed, beaten, demeaned and have no respect. Just last week Portland had 60 emergency calls go unanswered because police were forced to deal with riots. We trust you are aware what is happening around the country!! We are seriously looking at losing outstanding officers due to higher levels of stress, escalation in crime, morale issues and now removal of a beautiful logo backed by a story steeped in history that the majority of our citizens favor.

Honestly...who will be there to protect you, your family, our citizens and businesses? Crime and protests are out-of-control across the country and there is no law and order. It is only a matter of time before this knocks on our doors.

You, our elected officials are here to serve and represent the citizens of Waterloo and we're quite sure the majority of your voting constituents would not support this change. Your decision on this matter will be remembered at the next election. We have discussed this matter with numerous family, friends and business owners of Waterloo and they share our views and opinions. Please give our dedicated officers the respect and dignity they so rightly deserve!

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Sent from my iPhone