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Subject: Our Community Police Officer Liaison
To the Mayor and Members of City Council:

I write this letter to you out

of great concern due to a proposal to reduce the number of community officers in the city due to budget restraints. It has come to my attention that this proposal includes eliminating Officer Nicholas Ruggerio's position as a liason to Lynhaven. Our community feels that this would be a tremendous mistake.

Initially, I would like to point out that our neighborhood has historically experienced a high crime rate. It was not until we had the good fortunes of Officer Ruggerio's service to Lynhaven that we have seen a reduction in crime. Through his constant vigilance, Officer Ruggerio has always gone above and beyond the call of duty. Not only does he patrol our streets and force drug dealers out of our alleys,

Comments: but he also ensures that our streets are well lit, removes indications of the location of drug dealers, and follows up on offending youths in their

schools.

I believe that removing Officer Ruggerio from our community will result in an increase of crime in our community to the levels we have seen since before he was assigned to Lynhaven. Additionally, cutting his position also sends a message to the Alexandria Police Department that quality police work will be met with a negative response. Our public safety is just too important to allow police officers to fall victim to budget cuts. I hope that you seriously reconsider this proposal and allow Officer Ruggerio to continue keeping Lynhaven safe. Thank you.

Andrew

and Whitney Dubinsky

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