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The Honorable William F. Welch
Clerk of the Senate
State House, Room 335
24 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Steven T. James
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 145
24 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02133

Re: 2021 Report of the Law Enforcement Body Camera Taskforce

Dear Clerk Welch and Clerk James,

We write pursuant to § 104(f) of St. 2020, c. 253, An Act Relative to Justice, Equity, and Accountability in Law Enforcement in the Commonwealth, otherwise known as the police reform law, to submit the Law Enforcement Body Camera Taskforce's interim report on its work product. On September 14, 2021, the Taskforce convened its first meeting to discuss its mission, the best method to move forward with the development of recommended regulations for law enforcement agencies intending to use body worn cameras, and to elect the Chair and Vice Chair. The Taskforce has been hard at work since that first meeting.

In light of the compressed schedule caused by the delayed convening of the members, the Taskforce does not presently have work product in the form of draft recommended regulations or proposed legislation to provide in this report. However, the Taskforce created several subcommittees to focus on different issues and meets as a group bi-monthly to discuss the progress being made. In addition, the Taskforce has held four of the five public hearings required under its enabling statute, § 104(f). All meetings, including the subcommittee meetings, are posted and being held pursuant to the Open Meeting Law. The Taskforce has also created a website to provide the public with access to its work, and the ability to submit comments in the event an individual is unable to attend a public meeting. You may visit this website at <https://www.mass.gov/law-enforcement-body-camera-task-force>.

The Taskforce's intention is to develop a draft of the recommended regulations by early next year and make them available for public input during the remaining public hearing. The Taskforce has also been discussing other methods they may use to distribute the work product to increase the number of public comments the Taskforce will receive.

Finally, we write to inform you that the following individuals are serving on the Taskforce.

Law Enforcement Body Camera Taskforce Members¹:

Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety

Angela F.F. Davis, Undersecretary of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Secretary, Executive Office of Technology Services and Security

Timothy Mitchell, Operations Project Management, Office Director

Attorney General

Stephen J. Carley, Assistant Attorney General

Committee for Public Counsel Services

Rose King, Esq., Committee for Public Counsel Services

Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus

Expert in Constitutional or Civil Rights Law - *Appointment pending*

Expert in Constitutional or Civil Rights Law - *Appointment pending*

MA House Asian Caucus

Grace Lee, Esq., People's United Bank

Steven Brooks, Esq., Brooks & Crowley, LLP

MA Minority Law Enforcement Officers Association

Officer Joseph Santiago, Chelsea Police Department

MA Minority State Police Officers Association

Officer Carmelo Ayuso, President

MA Latino Police Officers Association

Officer Israul Marrero, Boston Police Department

MA Association of Women in Law Enforcement

Officer Kaleigh S. Marshall, Chelmsford Police Department

President, MA Sheriffs' Association

Patrick McDermott, Norfolk County Sheriff

MA Coalition of Police

Sergeant Timothy King; Waltham Police Department

Colonel of the State Police

Detective Captain Steven McCarthy

President, Massachusetts District Attorneys Association

Michael O'Keefe, Cape and Islands District Attorney

President, American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts

Emiliano Falcon-Morano, Esq., Policy Counsel

President, NAACP New England Area Conference

Fred Taylor

President, Massachusetts Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

Alyssa Hackett, Esq.

Gubernatorial appointment: Police Chief, City with population in excess of 100,000

¹ Please be advised, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court declined to make an appointment.

Chief Steven M. Sargent, Police Chief; Worcester

Gubernatorial appointment: Police Chief, City or Municipality with population no greater than 50,000;

Chief Thomas W. Fowler, Salisbury Chief of Police

Gubernatorial appointment: Constitutional or Privacy law expert

Hillary Farber, Esq.; Professor of Law, University Massachusetts School of Law

Gubernatorial appointment: Elected Official

Mayor Dominic Sarno; City of Springfield

Gubernatorial appointment: Representative of a law enforcement labor organization

Deborah Batista, Executive Vice President; New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

Appointment pending

The Taskforce looks forward to presenting you with the recommended regulations for law enforcement's use of body worn cameras on or before July 31, 2022.

Please contact either of us, or Michaela Martini at the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security if you have any questions or would like additional information. Michaela can be reached by cell phone at 617-274-5536 or by e-mail at Michaela.Martini1@mass.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angela F.F. Davis

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