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Good afternoon Mayor Buffaloe and Members of the City Council,

I wanted to let you know that the Downtown Leadership Council (“DLC”) has had several presentations and discussions about the violence downtown as it obviously remains a top concern.

At our meeting last week we were able to have a live demonstration (via Zoom) of the FUSUS platform and although the DLC did not take a formal vote, it was well received and I do believe the DLC supports funding it.

Personally, though I do have significant concerns about surveillance in general, I believe the fact that FUSUS is wholly “opt-in” for private cameras owned by non-City entities (businesses, schools, etc.) tilts that issue in favor of supporting it. I realize the staffing issues CPD has and that even if we had more officers patrolling downtown, they would not be able to prevent or solve all serious crime. The FUSUS platform would not only help solve crimes, but would help stop violence as it occurs or before it escalates and

spreads to other areas of downtown or beyond, in addition to adding a deterrence once it becomes operational and successful.

Thank you for your consideration,

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