

Dear [chief/sheriff/captain/etc.],

The recent headlines and subsequent reactions from the public stemming from the death of George Floyd by the Minneapolis police officer are disturbing. Coming in the wake of several highly publicized incidents of police behavior, it is in the best interest of our local jurisdiction to use body worn cameras, to protect both the police and the public.

[Bureau of Justice Statistics](#) reports only 47% of law enforcement agencies had even acquired body worn cameras, let alone regularly used them. In 2019, amidst privacy concerns, Ohio legislators signed into law the bi-partisan [House Bill 425](#), protecting the information gathered by use of said cameras while still permitting access upon request. Ohio's law was met with accolades for balancing transparency as well as respecting personal privacy.

I am contacting the [specific law enforcement agency] today to request the acquisition and deployment of body-worn cameras in compliance with the Ohio recommended standards. The sample policy developed by the [Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board](#), is a good starting point for local policy.

It is time to rebuild community trust, improve officer safety, and increase quality evidence. This can be accomplished by implementation of a body worn camera policy.

Thank you for your service to our community.