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Subject: NOT IN SUPPORT of Fire and Police Commission Pursuit Policy Resolution FPC 212429

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May 14, 2026

Dear Alderman Perez and Members of the Milwaukee Common Council,

I am a survivor of a reckless driving incident which happened near my church at 18th and Locust in Milwaukee, a former 28 year resident of the City of Milwaukee who currently lives on the boundary between Milwaukee and Wauwatosa, and a member of Enough is Enough ~ A Legacy for Erin. What happens in Milwaukee impacts our area and others outside the city limits of Milwaukee.

I am writing to urge you to vote against the proposed modifications to Milwaukee Police Department pursuit policy recommended by the Fire and Police Commission in Resolution FPC212429.

The proposal would prohibit officers from pursuing suspects whose reckless driving begins only after an attempted traffic stop. In practice, this creates a dangerous incentive: drivers who wish to avoid apprehension may simply flee recklessly, knowing officers may be forced to terminate the pursuit. This risks emboldening repeat offenders, reckless drivers, stolen vehicle operators, and others who already show disregard for public safety.

The resolution itself acknowledges that reckless driving remains a major public safety problem in Milwaukee. Rather than weakening enforcement tools, the city should focus on holding dangerous drivers accountable while continuing to improve pursuit training, supervision, and decision-making as well as researching and implementing other supplementary tools.

I am also concerned that the proposed language requiring officers to terminate pursuits whenever danger increases is overly subjective and may create hesitation in situations where immediate apprehension is necessary to protect the public. Officers already must balance risk in real time, and existing policy provides discretion to terminate pursuits when appropriate. I favor trusting the officers to act responsibly and professionally, relying on their training to implement well designed policies and procedures currently in place.

Milwaukee residents deserve safe streets and effective policing. Restricting pursuits further may unintentionally send the message that fleeing from law enforcement carries little consequence. That is not the direction our city should take.

I respectfully ask you to oppose these proposed modifications and instead support current policies that both protect the public and allow officers to intervene effectively against dangerous criminal behavior.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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