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LETTER OF SUPPORT

To: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance
From: Camden County Prosecutor Mary Eva Colalillo
Date: June 1, 2015
Re: Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program FY 2015 Grant Application by the Cherry Hill Police Department

The Camden County Prosecutor's Office (CCPO) supports the implementation of body-worn camera programs by municipal police departments within its jurisdiction.

This technology has the potential to promote officer accountability and bolster community relations through transparency. It may also provide key evidence that would allow prosecutors to make more informed decisions in the interest of justice.

Additionally, internal affairs investigations conducted by the CCPO Special Prosecutions Unit will benefit from body-worn cameras. Video footage of incidents may allow the unit to complete such investigations with greater efficiency and thoroughness.

The CCPO is committed to collaborating with municipal police departments and will provide guidance on the use of body-worn cameras in accordance with any directives and guidelines issued by the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General.

We encourage the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance to strongly consider awarding a grant to the Cherry Hill Police Department for a body-worn camera program.

Best regards,

Mary Eva Colalillo
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