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Good evening Council Members,

As a La Crosse resident, educator, and passionate community member, I am asking that you reject this new MOU between our school district and the La Crosse Police Department. After months and months of anecdotal, qualitative, and quantitative data presented at school board meetings, local committee meetings, open forums, and debates - it is undeniably clear that we must make bold decisions to keep our students safe.

Renewing and moving forward with a contract between our schools and the police goes against the standards of safety and inclusion that our community has clearly asked for time and time again.

It is time to make a clear and deliberate move from theory to action, by rejecting this MOU in its entirety and listen to the experiences and voices of marginalized and historically oppressed communities. We must be bold in our intervention in patterns of harm, and as a council you have the power to make the changes necessary to move us closer to justice. I am calling on you to make the bold decisions that we need from our leaders and reject this MOU and any further iteration of any such contract.

In solidarity,
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