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December 13, 2022

To: Common Council President Tom DePietro

Mr. DePietro,

I request you read this note aloud at the next meeting of the Common Council and entered into the Council's minutes.

I represent The Maker Hotel and Gymnasium. The Maker is a large employer in the City of Hudson and a main attraction for many residents and visitors. We are appalled by the recent shootings on December 2nd and December 10th.

In the December 10th shooting, a bullet came through the window of our Café, shattering the window; another bullet struck the side of our building. While we were closed at that hour, if our overnight colleagues or a hotel guest had been walking through the café at that time, I would be at a funeral right now.

We have been troubled by gangs of young people gathering, drinking and doing drugs near our business. We frequently witness blatant drug deals occurring on Warren Street and in the alleys around our business. Carm, who funded a loved restaurant, was savagely beaten up in broad daylight in the middle of the afternoon by high school age kids who filmed the entire incident and who barely received a slap on the wrist.

I am concerned for the safety of The Maker's staff, the residents of Hudson, and our visiting guests. I am concerned for the local business community which relies on hospitality, travel and retail, which will go out of business if Hudson is not deemed a safe city. I am concerned for the employees of Hudson's businesses who will be unemployed if Warren Street becomes lined with shuttered restaurants. I demand immediate and ongoing action to curb these issues.

There previously was a monthly Police Committee meeting, which has since been cancelled – please reinstate this immediately.

Hudson does not have surveillance cameras available to the police department – please allocate funds to allow purchase and install of cameras.

Regular nighttime patrols of Warren street by a uniformed officer is a necessity – please allocate funds to allow that to happen.

The city's alleys are a location of much crime – please work with the Department of Public Works to find a lighting solution to curb this.

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I appreciate your time and attention to this crucial matter facing Hudson. The time to act is now, before someone is killed – bullets regularly flying on Warren Street will find someone and it could be an innocent child.

Thank you,



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On CC:

- Mayor Kamal Johnson
- Councilmembers Art Frick, Margaret Morris, Dewan Sarowar, Mohammed Rony, Amber Harris, Ryan Wallace, Malachi Walker, Theodore Anthony, Vicky Daskaloudi, and Dominic Merante
- Hudson Police Chief Moore
- Hudson Business Coalition President Alexandre Petraglia