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The Honorable Antonio F.D. Cabral State Representative Massachusetts State House 24 Beacon Street, Room 466 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Rep. Cabral:

I am writing to inform you that at a meeting held on October 14, 2020, the New Bedford City Council's Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods considered a Written Motion, sponsored by Council President Lopes, "Requesting, that a member of the Mitchell Administration, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the EMS Director, the New Bedford Police Union and the New Bedford Fire Union meet with the members of the Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods to discuss the implementation and protection of Qualified Immunity language for the members of the Police Department, Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Service."

On motion by Council President Lopes and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: "To recommend that the City Council draft a letter to our State Delegation voicing the Council's position against the proposed Qualified Immunity Proposition". This motion passed on a voice vote without dissent.

As such, the Council respectfully requests your support and assistance in its effort to bring about a positive resolution to this important matter. On behalf of the entire City Council, I thank you for your time and attention. Please feel free to contact me directly should you or your office require additional information.

With kind regards.

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City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council

cc: Joseph P. Lopes, City Council President Brian K. Gomes, Committee Chair File