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To whom this concerns:

As the Ann Arbor Police Chief, please consider that our experience underscores the importance of police proactively mitigating imminent threats posed by vehicles that may be used at locations where large gatherings—including special events—occur. Ensuring community safety remains the highest priority, and security enhancements include the use of Class III barricades, water-filled barriers, portable vehicle barriers (PVBs), strategically positioned municipal vehicles for road closures during special events.

Nevertheless, reliance on physical barriers alone does not suffice. To optimize their effectiveness, collaboration between Ann Arbor Police Department (AAPD), the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) Development Plan, and the Ann Arbor Fire Department (AAFD) is essential. This coordination provides an additional operational layer to complement the physical protection offered by these systems.

Collectively, this integrated approach facilitates proper barrier placement, monitoring of access routes, and swift adjustment of configurations in response to changing conditions, thereby significantly enhancing overall security measures. Accordingly, we support initiatives to secure the following equipment:

Ameristar SP100 Lift-Assist Bollard

- Engineered to withstand impact from a 7,000-lb vehicle at 30 mph

Meridian Archer 1200 Mobile Barriers

- SAFETY Act certified • MASH TL-3 rated – capable of withstanding a 5,000-lb vehicle at 62 mph

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