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To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Cleveland has a long and rich history of collaboration and community involvement. Youth violence and safety are major priorities for us. The relationship between our youth and the police is something that must improve for the betterment of our children and neighborhoods. Our youth can make a difference, but we must help empower them and their voice. Collaborating with youth is important and necessary.

Because we know the importance of our youth, and safety in our city, we are incredibly supportive of the EYEJ Impact 25 Youth Council and their recommendations to improve youth safety in the City of Cleveland. Their recommendations provide programming and policy support in areas of Toxic Stress (a focus also for the Mayor and the city of Cleveland), improvement of police – youth relationships, and youth independency (life skills).

We are proud of the EYEJ Impact 25 Youth Council in having the courage, drive and passion on trying to make their environment better. Their work with law enforcement and others has already helped improve focus on these important issues. The recommendations to both myself and the City, and to over 100 civic, government, sport, media and city leaders April 30, 2018 were well thought out and focused on the most important issues as today's youth in Cleveland perceives them. It is imperative for these recommendations to be implemented if we are to get anywhere in improving the environment for our children.

Therefore, on behalf of our agency, we would be glad to partner with the Youth Council, EYEJ and other organizations to support and help fulfill these important steps to improvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C.D. Williams".

Calvin D. Williams  
Chief of Police

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