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Mary Hull Caballero  
City Auditor  
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Dear Auditor Hull Caballero,

The Portland Police Bureau thanks you for the work done by the Independent Police Review in their policy review regarding the City's response to the 2020 civil unrest. As a city, it is critical that we review our actions during such unforeseen circumstances with an eye towards improving outcomes in the future. To this end, as you are probably aware, we are working on a contract with Independent Monitor LLC to do a critical assessment of the Police Bureau's 2020 crowd management response. This assessment will include an extensive review of reports, feedback from city employees and members of the community, and analysis of available video. We anticipate that the findings of this critical assessment will also contain recommendations to policy and training.

There have been several reviews of the events of 2020 which include this IPR policy review, an internal after action, and a review authored by the Citizen Review Committee. We are going to be forwarding all of these documents to Independent Monitor, and this broad spectrum of analyses will help inform Independent Monitor's comprehensive assessment. We agree in principle with the recommendations provided in the IPR policy review; however, as we don't currently have a full time crowd control team we are going to defer to the results of upcoming critical assessment before we commit to any specific actions. This will ensure we use our valuable training resources most efficiently by minimizing the number of times we make changes to our policies.

Thank you again for this opportunity to assess our actions during 2020. We are looking forward to implementing changes which will enhance community safety, protect the expression of free speech, and ensure officer accountability.

Sincerely,

CHARLES LOVELL III  
Chief of Police

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