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Dear Councilmember,

This is an exciting and transformational time in the city of Somewhere Town, as we look at plans and potential funds being dedicated to developments in our urban core and across the city. While the pros and cons of each project are being debated, I’d like to urge decision makers to consider the impact these plans could have on Somewhere Town’s public safety and to meet city expansion with an equitable growth of emergency services.

As a career firefighter and paramedic for the City of Somewhere for 15 years, I’ve seen Somewhere Town grow by leaps and bounds – both in physical size and population. With each wave of growth, however, it often seems that emergency services can become an afterthought, overshadowed by the excitement of progress.

In 2010, Somewhere had 16 staffed ambulances, and responded to 35,072 medical emergencies. Today, we have just one more ambulance and responded to 57,665 medical emergencies last year – an increase of more than 64% in just over a decade. The consistent increase in call volume without reasonable increases in staffing not only creates extra work for overworked paramedics, but it also increases response times, delays transport times, and jeopardizes public safety.

Somewhere Fire Fighters and Paramedics are excited for the potential that exists for our city. We know that many of our residents rely on our Emergency Medical Services as their primary medical care. We owe it to them and to every resident and visitor, to deliver the best medical response when they call 9-1-1. It’s our job to keep Somewhere safe and you can be assured that going forward we will work with city planners and officials to keep it that way so we can all enjoy Somewhere’s progress together, safely.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

John Smith

President

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