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To: Ms. Jane Howington, City Manager From: David W. Robbins, Chief of Police

Re: Prosecutor Sara Fagnilli

Ma'am;

Per our discussion, I am requesting we maintain the relationship we have developed with our Prosecutor, Sara Fagnilli, by continuing our contract. All of the complaints and concerns we had with our last prosecutor have been corrected. I believe our officer morale is higher, there has been a well-developed trust, much better communication, with fewer dismissed cases. Prosecutor Fagnilli has also assisted in preparing officers for trial; our previous prosecutor seemed to resist trials at every turn, and our officers were sorely lacking that experience. Further, officer feedback via the two Stow Municipal Court judges has been very positive, relative to Prosecutor Fagnilli's duties.

I also attempted to compare monies returned to us via the court, but as you might imagine, it is difficult to do an "apples to apples" comparison, as activity changes from one year to another. As you can see by the attached table, it would appear that we are not seeing the same returns, but a deeper dive reflects that those traffic charges/arrests, where fines are higher, specifically, OVI (Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs of Abuse) and DUS (Driving while Under Suspension of operating privileges) were higher in 2014 compared to 2015. Conversely, you will also notice a 40% rise in citations overall in 2015 (from 2014) which I believe is directly attributable to the increase in confidence and trust our officers have in Prosecutor Fagnilli.

In closing, I think we have moved in a very positive direction with the change that was made from our previous prosecutor to our present one. I will affirm that it is my belief we should stay the present course and request that we maintain our relationship with Prosecutor Fagnilli.

Respectfully,

David W. Robbins

Prosecutor Comparison 2014 - 2015

| | <u>Arrest</u> | Citation | <u>Revenue</u> | | <u>Arrest</u> | Citation | <u>Revenue</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <u>2014</u> | | | | <u> 2015</u> | | | |
| Jan | 8 | 89 | \$4,575.00 | Jan | 13 | 130 | \$5,748.00 |
| Feb | 14 | 92 | \$5,502.14 | Feb | 18 | 167 | \$3,431.79 |
| Mar | 9 | 82 | \$7,597.00 | Mar | 15 | 153 | \$4,166.00 |
| Apr | 11 | 77 | \$8,723.00 | Apr | 9 | 114 | \$6,265.00 |
| May | 6 | 73 | \$6,259.00 | May | 24 | 162 | \$4,614.00 |
| Jun | 12 | 85 | \$5,608.00 | Jun | 18 | 104 | \$5,039.00 |
| Jul | 20 | 125 | \$4,279.00 | Jul | 15 | 124 | \$4,805.00 |
| Aug | 11 | 56 | \$5,265.00 | Aug | 15 | 100 | \$5,017.00 |
| Sep | 7 | 107 | \$4,572.00 | Sep | 17 | 92 | \$7,289.00 |
| Oct | 10 | 72 | \$5,654.00 | Oct | 11 | 85 | \$6,097.00 |
| Nov | 11 | 79 | \$4,007.00 | Nov | 12 | 100 | \$3,397.00 |
| Dec | 22 | 82 | \$4,862.00 | Dec | 8 | 93 | \$5,006.00 |
| Total | 141 | 1019 | \$66,903.14 | Total | 175 | 1424 | \$60,874.79 |
| | | 91 OVI | | | | 67 OVI | |
| | | 81 DUS | | | | 69 OVI | |