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Captain Anthony Tenaglia
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Dear Captain Tenaglia;

Thank you for coming to our CAC meeting last Monday night. We all appreciated your patience and wise counsel. Your task is certainly overly challenging. I hope that you know that in no way are we critical of the personnel in your department. We are really always treated with consideration and understanding, even as we sin at times on the byways of Southampton.

The town has expanded so much that it feels a bit out of control. I thought the most accurate comment of the evening described our area as no longer a rural community but rather a true suburb of a larger urban community. It seems to us that your department is striving valiantly but without the resources that are required to accomplish your mission of adequately protecting all of us who depend upon you. The problem is that you are probably under manned and probably under equipped, so the corrective measures have to come from the town government. We all appreciated your request that we contact you when our frustrations rise to the boiling point, but that will not solve the problem. The town must recognize that even in times of economic trial, the public's safety should outweigh all other considerations.

I received a copy of your email to Nancy Graboski that stated your personnel had issued close to 750 cell phone violation summons in 2008. It seems to me that the sheer number shows how endemic the problem has become. During this summer of 2009 in spite of your efforts at least 75% of those who pass us on the right, cut in, or just plain speed are still on their cell phones. You need more help.

With the huge increase in the size and diversity of the population of Southampton we all truly appreciate that you are going to put a special effort into Bridgehampton in the next week or so. but we hope you agree that the problem really needs a basic re-evaluation of the breadth of police coverage throughout the town if there is going to be any decrease in the moving violation problem.

Captain Tenaglia, I think we have a very representative CAC. We are all pulling for you and your department and will be delighted to help in any way we can. We appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely ,

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