Boston City Council
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Councilor - District 2

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Commissioner Michael Cox
One Schroeder Plaza
Roxbury Crossing, MA 02120

Dear Commissioner Cox,

I’m writing today as many people were shot last night in Boston. It’s clear we need a new, comprehensive public safety plan that includes hiring hundreds of officers every year.

Staffing levels are dangerously low. Shifts are not filled, impacting public safety in every Boston neighborhood. We have also witnessed frequent assaults against police officers by the public.

We have to acknowledge reality: the status quo is no longer an option. Boston is not the safest city in the country.

I'm calling for a public safety summit to address violence and crime in Boston. We must include the recommendations and opinions from the public, neighborhood organizations, police and first responders as part of this conversation and overall strategy.

We need to work together with state and federal partners as well. Boston can’t do it alone. Residents deserve safer neighborhoods.

It is my immediate goal that we start this conversation in the City of Boston today.

Sincerely,

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