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Dear Chief Moore,

It is with heavy emotions that I submit my resignation from my position as Police Officer within Ennis Police Department, effective December 26th, 2023. While I have enjoyed my time working for the Ennis community and have utmost respect for the talented and dedicated individuals working for the town, recent decisions made by the Town Council have compelled me to make this difficult decision.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the leadership and professionalism demonstrated by you during my tenure here. Under your guidance, the police department has consistently upheld the highest standards of service and commitment to the safety of our community.

It is with regret that I observe the challenges faced by the police department as a result of recent attempted budgetary decisions made by the Town Council, particularly the decision to defund critical aspects of the police force in favor of "other options". As someone who deeply values the importance of law enforcement in maintaining public safety, I find it increasingly difficult to align myself with an organization that faces such constraints.

You have been an exemplary leader, and I commend your unwavering dedication to the wellbeing of our community. Your commitment to fostering a culture of excellence, accountability, and community engagement has left a lasting impression on me. Unfortunately, the recent political direction within the Town Council creates an environment that hampers the department's ability to fulfill its crucial role effectively.

I believe that a well-supported and adequately staffed police force is essential for the safety and security of our community. Regrettably, the recent decisions by the Town Council run counter to these principles, making it untenable for me to continue in my current role.

I am grateful for the opportunities for professional and personal growth that I have experienced during my time with the Ennis Police Department. I will work diligently during the notice period to ensure a smooth transition and am open to assisting in any way possible.

I sincerely hope that the Town Council will reconsider its recent decisions and prioritize the safety and well-being of our community members. I have the utmost confidence in your ability to navigate these challenges and lead the police department through these difficult times. RECEIVED DEC 12 MB

Thank you for the support and opportunities provided during my tenure.

Sincerely,

Matthew Fisher