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Re: Mr. Chad Hindman

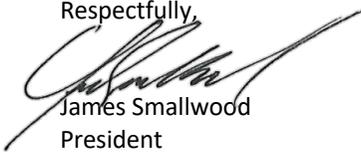
Ms. Johnson,

I hope this correspondence finds you well. I am reaching out to you today to express a concern about public comments made by one of your employees that, frankly, the men and women who have sworn to serve this community find to be vile and disgusting.

As you well know, Justice demands that those involved in the pursuit thereof maintain a level of professionalism, fairness and impartiality. Yesterday, we heard about the meticulous and detailed investigation that led to the decision made by Attorney General Daniel Cameron and the Grand Jury who reviewed those results. Following that decision, your employee – an attorney bound by the rules of the board of professional responsibility, Chad Hindman, took his message to social media. His post contains several expletives, offensive comments, attacks on the law enforcement profession and the entire justice system as a whole. It is evident that these comments were made without reviewing the details of the case and on the basis of personal feelings rather than facts. For your convenience, I have attached a screenshot of that post for your review.

It appears that Mr. Hindman has since removed his post, but the damage with the rank and file officers of this city has already been done. His emotional reaction begs the question: If he cannot support the justice system, can he effectively operate within it? It is my hope that you will address this with an appropriate level of attention to ensure that Mr. Hindman is held accountable for his actions and irresponsible comments, he apologizes to the men and women who bravely put their life on the line every day to serve this city and that something like this will never happen again.

Respectfully,



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