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Madam Mayor and City Council Members:

On November 13, 2019, I spent the day meeting with Governor Jay Inslee and Sonja Hallum, Senior Policy Advisor for Governor Inslee's office. Our meeting focused on crime and gun violence in our city. From that meeting came productive ideas on ways to combat the increasing gun violence in the city. One idea proposed was the use of gunfire detection and analysis technology. This technology is known as ShotSpotter.

After meeting with a wide variety of stakeholders in Yakima, the Governor's office has identified Yakima as the recipient of a one-time infusion of grant money they would like to invest in gunfire detection technology (ShotSpotter) designed to reduce gun crime.

The ability to have real-time gunfire intelligence and data provides law enforcement a game-changing approach in reducing and preventing gun violence. Real-time gunfire intelligence and data is only available through the use of gunfire detection and analysis technology. The proposed ShotSpotter Flex solution is designed to identify, locate, and track active gunfire, and will support the Yakima Police Department's efforts to more effectively respond to and investigate gunfire incidents. Furthermore, real-time gunfire alert data can be delivered to smart phones, which have now been provided to all patrol officers.

More than 100 agencies and cities across the U.S. have been successful using gunfire detection and analysis technology as a critical component in their safe cities. Here is a small example of the cities Yakima would be joining if approval is granted to move forward with this agreement:

New York City (NYPD), Chicago, Washington DC, San Francisco, Boston, Las Vegas, Milwaukee, Oakland, San Diego, Cincinnati, Louisville, Miami-Dade, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Kansas City (MO), Richmond (CA), Salinas, Sacramento (City and County), Fresno, San Diego, Bakersfield, and many others.

If approved, Governor Inslee's office will agree to pay for the equipment installation and the first year of annual subscription fees totaling \$250,000. The City of Yakima would be responsible for the remaining 3 years subscription fees of \$195,000, per year. This price provides for a specific coverage area of 3 square miles. The city would not be responsible for their first contribution until 2021. It is agreed upon, with Governor Inslee's office, that should ShotSpotter fall below the expected Key Performance Indicators following the initial four-year agreement, the city would not be responsible to continue any subsequent agreements with ShotSpotter.

The Yakima Police Department agrees this technology is the single most effective tool available to reduce gun violence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew Murray".

Matthew Murray, Chief of Police

"Make respect a part of every interaction."