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Michael Hancock, Mayor
Mayor's Office
1437 Bannock Street, Suite 350
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Dear Mayor Hancock:

I am very troubled that your Sheriff's Department is refusing to provide requested information that we need to conduct our audit. This is not only a violation of the city charter and the Denver Revised Municipal Code, but flies in the face of your commitment to have all your agencies cooperate with the Auditor's Office as we conduct our audits.

Frankly we have encountered recalcitrance, foot-dragging and what I can only describe as obstructionist behavior on the part of some members of the Sheriff's Department as we have tried to conduct our audit. This kind of behavior and the refusal to provide needed information to my auditors makes me wonder what some people want to hide.

The citizens of Denver deserve and expect to have an objective, unbiased, independent review of issues in the Sheriff's Department that may have led to some of the cases of abuse that have been seen over the last few years.

I trust that you are as troubled as I am and you will instruct the appropriate employees of the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Safety to fully cooperate with our auditors and provide the necessary information forthwith.

Yours in Accountability and Transparency,

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cc: Members of City Council
Stephanie O'Malley, Executive Director of Safety
Elias Diggins, Sheriff
Nicholas Mitchell, Independent Monitor

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We will monitor and report on recommendations and progress towards their implementation.