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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
145 N. Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 50530
Attn: Tracie Johnson-Farrell

Re: 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) award number 2020 ULWX0009

Ms. Johnson-Farrell,

This letter is regarding the 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) application from the Milwaukee Police Department (ORI WIMPD00) dated March 10, 2020. Awarding of the COPS Hiring Program grant enabled the Milwaukee Police Department's participation in Operation Legend (previously, Operation Relentless Pursuit). On June 25, 2020, former-Chief of Police Alfonso Morales and Mayor Tom Barrett were notified the Milwaukee Police Department was awarded 30 officer positions and \$9,712,096.00 in federal funds over a three-year award period under the CHP (award number 2020 ULWX0009).

Section 16 C (CERTIFICATION OF 287(G) PARTNERSHIP AND CERTIFICATION OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION COOPERATION) of the application includes a section certifying that the applicant or its governing body will adopt rules ensuring certain notice and access is provided to U.S. Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") personnel in the applicant's correctional or detention facilities.

The only "correctional or detention facilities" operated by the Milwaukee Police Department are temporary municipal lockup facilities where arrestees are often held for only a few hours and are not intended to be held for more than 72 hours pursuant to Standard Operating Procedure 090.35.

Our relevant immigration standard operating procedure (SOP 130), effective April 21, 2020, prohibits the actions certified in Section 16 C. Because the City of Milwaukee will not be implementing new rules to satisfy Section 16 C, the Milwaukee Police Department appears to be unable to draw down grant funds pursuant to this certification.

It remains the intent of the Milwaukee Police Department to continue its participation in Operation Legend given the positive results already rendered from our partnership. Accordingly, this letter serves to notify the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services that we will no longer certify Section 16 C. It is our hope that the Milwaukee Police Department's application still qualifies for the CHP. We will await your written confirmation that Milwaukee is still awarded 30 officer positions and \$9,712,096.00, notwithstanding that Milwaukee is no longer certifying

Section 16 C, before presenting the grant award to the City of Milwaukee Common Council for acceptance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Brunson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MICHAEL J. BRUNSON
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE