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Executive Director Hussein,

Please accept this letter in response to the public request you made earlier today for an independent investigation into the tragic crash on June 16, 2023, that took the lives of Sabiriin Ali, Sahra Gesaade, Salma Abdikadir, Sagal Hersi, and Siham Odhowa. The pain you and your community are feeling is unimaginable. The lawless and reckless behavior that took the lives of these five bright, thriving women is unacceptable.

We want to see full accountability for this horrific tragedy. We have confidence in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office and United States Attorney's Office, both of which have reviewed the full incident for the criminal charges. I want to ensure you are also aware that a homicide agent from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) responded to the scene and provided assistance to the Minneapolis Police Department. The BCA laboratory has conducted and continues to provide forensic analysis of the evidence. The State Patrol has also provided their technical expertise on the crash reconstruction.

We have been in full compliance with the investigation. With the exception of the crash reconstruction report, which typically takes extra time to complete, all of the State Patrol's evidence has been submitted to and reviewed by both the Hennepin County Attorney's office and the Minneapolis Police Department. The criminal complaint issued by the Hennepin County Attorney's Office answers many of the questions that community members have raised about this incident. I would refer you to their assessment of the involvement of the Minnesota State Patrol, where it clearly states that Derrick Thompson was not being pursued.

There will be a thorough review of this entire incident, from the moment the trooper's attention was drawn to the vehicle Mr. Thompson was driving, to his arrest after fleeing on foot.

Throughout the weekend of horrific crash, I was in communication with the Imam who was providing support to the families. At that time, I extended an offer to coordinate a private meeting with family members in hopes of answering questions they may have, including offering an invitation to view the video from the State Patrol. The invitation to meet with them and privately show the squad video from the State Patrol remains. We can't fully know but can absolutely respect the unimaginable grief they are experiencing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Jacobson".

Commissioner Bob Jacobson

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