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Executive Director

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Mr. Phil Keith
Director
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
United States Department of Justice
145 N Street, NE
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Director Keith:

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) is committed to collaborating with MovementForward, Inc., and its One Congregation One Precinct (OneCOP) initiative. I write today in support of OneCOP's application to your recently released grant proposal solicitation.

PERF is an independent research organization that focuses on critical issues in policing. Since its founding in 1976, PERF has identified best practices on fundamental issues such as developing community policing and problem-oriented policing; using technologies to deliver police services to the community; and evaluating crime reduction strategies. PERF also is a membership organization of police executives, academics, federal government officials, and others with an interest in policing.

PERF is strongly supportive of One Congregation One Precinct's focus on building trust between police agencies and the communities they serve. One of the key principles of policing today is that police can accomplish very little without support from their communities, and OneCOP is dedicated to strengthening those bonds.

If the OneCOP grant application is successful, we will continue to assist and collaborate with MovementForward to disseminate information about the initiative to our members.

Our commitment to the OneCOP initiative will also include delivering subject-matter expertise and advice on training and additional support as needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for this important effort. Please reach out directly should you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Chuck Wexler Executive Director

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