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Dear Chief McDonagh, City Manager Mary, Sebastopol City Council, and Planning Commission,

Barlow and the City of Sebastopol continue to face serious public safety concerns involving individuals whose behavior is influenced by illicit drug use. We are concerned that some of these incidents may be connected to the hotel across the street and to the county's approach to accountability and law enforcement.

Individuals struggling with drug addiction deserve access to appropriate treatment and support. However, criminal behavior and actions that threaten the safety of our community members, particularly women and children, must be addressed. Our residents deserve to feel safe in their neighborhoods and public spaces.

We remain deeply grateful for our well-managed, highly organized, and courageous police force, whose professionalism, dedication, and bravery help protect our community. The particularly harrowing incident late Saturday morning, which affected members of the public, including women and children, underscores the importance of maintaining a strong and responsive police presence.

Thank you to Chief Sean McDonagh and the entire Sebastopol Police Department, City Manager Mary, the Sebastopol City Council, and the Planning Commission for your leadership and continued support of Chief McDonagh and his team, the officers who work tirelessly to keep our community safe.

We urge our local and county leaders to work together to address illicit drug use, enforce the law, promote accountability, and ensure that our community members—especially women and children—can live and gather in public spaces without fear.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the safety and well-being of the City of Sebastopol.

Sincerely,

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