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Police Chief

Mr. James Jeffers
Town Manager
Town Hall
Provincetown, Massachusetts 02657

Dear Mr. Jeffers,

My family and I have enjoyed many lovely vacations in Provincetown over the past five years and we truly enjoy your community. That is why I am writing to you.

I recently heard from a good friend of our family who vacations in Provincetown for many months each year. He had a disturbing report. He said that you have been arresting people for gathering on Commercial Street and that you have recommended the fire department use their hoses to disperse crowds.

Are these things true? Are you arresting people and dispersing crowds in the same manner that was used in civil rights protests in the South? If so, why? What is the cause of the problems? Is it safe to visit Provincetown in the summer? We did not get a chance to visit this summer.

Clearly I am concerned. My family and I love Provincetown. We love the busy summers as much as the quiet Autumns. I hope that our friend is incorrect or exegrating. I would be quite upset if you were having people arrested and hosing them down. Please let me know what is true. I ahve not read of any problems in the GLOBE or heard of any concerns on the news.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

James A. Voltz

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