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City Clerk, Geo. Edwards  
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Dear City Clerk Edwards:

I was very glad, as the President of the Park Drive-Ravendale, a Homeowners' Association, to have the privilege of speaking, at the Ford Auditorium Hearing, held January 11th, relative to our Police and STRESS, however I was not granted time to speak by the Chairman. He undoubtedly knew what I was going to say.

This, is what I was going to say: 95% of the crime, in the City of Detroit, is caused by blacks. At all of the Court hearings, that I attend, 95% of the criminals are colored. 99% of the people attending the Meeting at the Ford Auditorium were black. This was not a Meeting, it was "Mob Rule". Our Councilmen failed to even try to bring some semblance of order to this session. I think it was a shame that our Police Commissioner was abused and not able to explain his side of the matter. Police Commissioner John F. Nichols is one of the best our City has ever had. He is trying to be reasonable and fair, however, the "mob" didn't give him that privilege.

We are concerned about the laws on our books, that can control the crime situation today, but are not being enforced. Our Courts are handing out reduced sentences, probation and the criminal is back on our streets "doing the same crime" over and over again.

Our Police Department is not getting the support and help they need, from the citizens throughout our City, and until that time comes our Police are not able to control crime. They must have the authority and not have their hands tied, so that they can effectively run their Department. If the Police cannot handle the crime situation, than who can?

Shooting our Police is one of the worst crimes any black man can commit. The person responsible should not be coddled but brought to trial!

Very truly yours,  
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