

Honorable Judge Perry-

I am a current resident of Ferguson and life-long resident of the Ferguson-Florissant School District. For more than 4 years I have tasked myself with pointing out the great many inconsistencies within our small city. I have been personally victimized by the municipal government here and have watched many others suffer the same. The oversight and accountability that will come with the consent decree is undeniably important.

I have protested Ferguson since 2012 when the city threatened my home and family over our front yard garden. Millions worldwide rallied behind my efforts against a tyrannical Ferguson. In the aftermath of August 9th, 2014 my activism increased further and I became an NLG Legal Observer. For months I watched the city feed a false narrative of riots and violence while ignoring the basis for those in turmoil. At every turn, Ferguson has denied any wrongdoing, undermined progress, failed to follow their own ordinances and charter and preyed upon its citizens both financially and emotionally while simultaneously stating that neighboring towns "do it worse."

Some of the provisions in the decree are too vague to be effective. Many of these are detailed in the Ferguson Collaborative's written testimony. The posturing of the city for the last year and a half shows that they will take advantage of any potential loophole to undermine and challenge the authority of the Federal Government. If our testimony resonates with you, I welcome any revisions or clarification to those portions that you too find to be lacking.

Lastly, the decree focuses on empowering citizens in the community in several oversight groups. I myself am a part of the Neighborhood Policing Steering Committee (NPSC). The NPSC is still in its infancy but is already following the path of the Civilian Review Board (CRB) in terms of

illgitimacy and minimal ability to challenge the City. For example, we have had a difficult time convincing the group and the city itself to do adequate outreach to include members most disenfranchised by the city's policies, and we have concerns that the City will not take NPSC recommendations seriously in any event. Any strengthening or adding monitor oversight to the NPSC or CRB will be beneficial to our citizens.

Thank you for your time and service,

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