

**SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER**

June 11, 2006

Dear Mayor Phelan, Chief Crowley, Attorney Keating:

I am writing to express my concern about the complaint of use of excessive force and abuse of authority by certain members of the Quincy Police Department on April 30, 2006. The incident involved six Asian Americans who were on their way home from a Chinese engagement celebration. I am further troubled that four of these individuals are now charged with crimes that they apparently did not commit. I urge you to drop all the false charges on these four individuals and to hold an open and public investigation on this case.

I support the following demands that were set forth by the community at a community meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>:

- 1) Drop the false charges
- 2) Compensate the victims for lost work and other damages
- 3) Suspend the officers without pay
- 4) A public apology from the Quincy police department
- 5) An open and public investigation of this case
- 6) Diversify the police force and implement sensitivity training
- 7) Public inquiry into police misconduct and the use of force

I urge you and other Quincy officials to take all necessary actions to resolve this matter with fairness and justice, and properly address the community's concerns and demands.

Sincerely,

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