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Honorable David M. Dunfield
Mayor, Lawrence
City Hall
P.O. Box 708
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Dear Mayor Dunfield:

I have been made aware of news stories indicating that the City of Lawrence is considering adopting a resolution in opposition to the USA PATRIOT Act. I have had the opportunity to address and debate the Patriot Act on numerous occasions, and have discovered that there is widespread misunderstanding over what the Act does, and just as importantly, what it does not do. If in fact such a resolution is under consideration by the Lawrence City Commission, as the highest ranking member of the United States Department of Justice in Kansas I would appreciate an opportunity to first be heard by the City Commission, and to make you aware of the facts regarding the Patriot Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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