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**Re: Borough of Highland Park: Resolution No. 3-21-84:
Resolution in Support of Senate Bill No. 2656/Assembly Bill
No. 5301**

Dear Senator Diegnan, Assemblyman Karabinchak and Assemblyman Stanley,

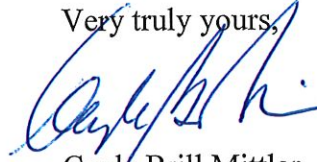
At the meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highland Park on March 2, 2021, Resolution No. 3-21-84 was adopted urging support for Senate Bill No. 2656/Assembly Bill No. 5301. A certified copy of the resolution as adopted is enclosed.

As I am sure you are aware, the purpose of this legislation is to provide access to law enforcement disciplinary records. The Borough of Highland Park supports more transparency with regard to police disciplinary records.

The Borough Council and I discussed this proposed legislation in the Borough Council Work Session on February 16, 2021, and before the attached resolution was adopted by the Borough Council at its meeting on March 2, 2021. While the entire governing body was supportive of making complaints against members of our police department more readily available, the governing body did express its concern about the practice which the Highland Park Police Department has experienced of having an individual file numerous complaints against a police officer which are baseless and are intended to harass that officer. This conduct has been referred to as the filing of "vexation" complaints. We urge that the proposed legislation be amended to address these types of harassment complaints.

As this legislation advances, we would appreciate very much your calling this concern to the attention of the sponsors and asking the sponsors to address this concern with an amendment to the proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gayle Brill Mittler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "G" and "B".

Gayle Brill Mittler
Mayor