



June 16, 2020

Portland Police Bureau
c/o Chief Chuck Lovell

Words of support

Dear Chief Chuck Lovell,

We heard the news that you were sworn in as a new Chief of Portland Police Bureau. We congratulate you and wish you best of luck.

In these challenging times we are pleased to support you and the Portland Police Bureau's officers. We want to make sure we are aware that every day hundreds of law enforcement officers at PPB leave their families and loved ones at home while they faithfully protect the community they serve. Every law enforcement officer says goodbye to their families, not knowing if, when or in what condition they will arrive home. While we are home sleeping safe and sound, they are out all day and night checking up on everything we work for all day and night.

Dear Chief Lovell, we want to let you know we know that our police officers are not disinterested, antiseptic strangers simply doing a job. They are an integral part of our community: many are neighbors and friends. They are parents who coach school sports, volunteer for programs, raise money for causes, and yes, protect life and property. These heroes with your lead stood tall in the face of danger and made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of others. A commitment of this magnitude often comes at an immense cost, as we have sadly come to know all too well.

Also, dear Chief Lovell, we want to remind you and all at PPB that the First Amendment is one of our most cherished rights as Americans and is the cornerstone of our freedom. Not only do our police support that, but they put themselves in harm's way to protect other's right to peacefully protest. In return, most recently across our Country they have been beaten, shot at, spit upon, humiliated, vilified, threatened, and been subjected to some of the most vile rhetoric one can imagine. We understand that and we feel you, but dear Chief Lovell, we call upon you and all of the police officers at PPB to do your best in a way that all people here at our community will be treated with courtesy and respect. We want to see that members of the Portland Police Bureau will conduct themselves in the most professional manner possible so as to serve as a role model for the community. And, please dear Chief Lovell, to the many citizens who stand in peaceful protests in Portland, and across the country, let them know and show to them that you see them, you hear them, and you stand firmly with them.

Lastly, dear Chief Lovell, please continue to work together with the community to make the public concerns your concerns, to protect life and property and enhance the quality of life in our community. We are there to help you, and we look forward to working and walking with you on a path towards justice and equality for all people. We pray to God to put in our hearts love, mercy, honor, dignity and respect, so that we can live a better life. We pray to God for one Portland, and one America!

In peace and with best greetings and blessings,

Members of the Executive Board of I.B.E.C.O.

