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Complaint: The Office of Police Oversight received an email complaint from [REDACTED] stating as follows:

“Dear Austin Police Oversight committee,

I write to you today pleading that the APD takes the necessary steps to eliminate excessive and deadly use of force.

I saw the video of APD shooting into a crowd of medics and protesters that were attempting to help someone who had been also shot at by some sort of "less lethal projectile" as it was described in the video caption.

I am concerned because my family lives in Austin (I have moved away but still visit regularly and always consider it my home). They are on the frontlines of peaceful protests in the name of justice for those who have lost their lives at the hands of police excessive use of force. I love them and I love Austin, and I know whoever is reading this email wants peace and justice, too. In order for that to occur, myself and many others believe that the following steps must be swiftly taken.

Please consider my plea for the APD to;

- require de-escalation
- Ban chokeholds and strangleholds
- Restrict shooting at moving vehicles
- Require that all other means are exhausted before shooting
- Require comprehensive reporting

Thank you for your consideration of our collective concerns, as those who are peacefully protesting.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]”