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Hello

I'm writing to strongly condemn Mayor Wheeler's attempt to fast track money for gun violence prevention without sufficient public input. It is imperative that grants go through the ordinance process so that the mayor's friends don't waste precious resources on ineffective initiatives.

It's clear that the mayor wants to slip in funding for Shotspotter, a technology that is widely discredited, threatening the privacy and safety of Portlanders who will be more likely to have well-armed and poorly-trained PPB officers dispatched to their neighborhoods looking for suspects to dispense force on. The proposed ordinance will allow the mayor's staff to throw money at a shotspotter boondoggle without thorough review.

If council insists on passing the ordinance, it is imperative that amendments be made to put guard rails on how this money is spent. Shotspotter and other surveillance technologies should be specifically excluded from allowable expenditures.

Thank you,
Pete Swallen

Sent from my iPhone

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