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**From:** Jacob Hurt <jacob.d.hurt2@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Town Council Group  
**Subject:** Ethics Commission - I Support!

Councilors,

I spoke with a couple of you recently about the idea of an Ethics Commission. I strongly support it, and look forward to its formation. I would like to try and be a member!

Ethics Commissions are functioning well in several towns throughout the state, providing a clear path for concerned citizens to report and substantiate potential conflicts of interest. Government officials should not be using public office to privately benefit themselves, nor should unsubstantiated gossip and rumors about such conduct go unchecked. Such conduct, or even the appearance of that conduct, undermines public trust and could open the town and taxpayers to unintended liabilities.

Ethics Commissions provide a standard for elevating and investigating claims. With one in place, there is a way to investigate worthy claims, dismiss unsubstantiated ones, and uphold the public's trust that public servants are not misusing their office or its resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

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