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Mr. Wayne Schmidt
Executive Director
Americans for Effective Law Enforcement, Inc.
5519 N. Cumberland Avenue, #1800
Chicago, IL 60656-1471

Dear Wayne:

It has been proposed in the Westminster Police Department that collapsible, twenty-six-inch, metal batons be issued to our officers, to be carried in an approved holder on the officer's belt, rather than in a pocket.

I would like to know if you have any information on whether these batons have been the subject of any litigation and how they compare with the traditional wooden batons for purposes of civil liability analysis.

Thank you for any assistance that you may be able to offer. If a cost is involved in getting any of the information I have requested, please let me know and I will arrange for payment.

Very truly yours,

Victoria M. Bunsen
Assistant City Attorney

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cc: Dan Montgomery, Police Chief
Bill Christopher, City Manager