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Dear Mayor Bailey and members of Washington City Council,

The decision this past Monday, made by you, the governing body of the city of Washington, to ask for the resignation of city administrator Jerry deBin, was one that brought great relief to myself and many citizens and city employees. Jerry deBin has repeatedly shown disrespect, discrimination and a level of unprofessional behavior that is unacceptable. Too many have been afraid and intimidated, in fear of retaliation if they speak up about the cruel and oppressive things they have endured or witnessed. Jerry deBin has shown over and over that he doesn't have respect for the law and this creates a potential liability for the city. His incompetence has already cost the city money such as the WAHA contract and mishandling of that situation. I fear there are others we don't even know about. His refusal to follow laws leaves the city open to potential lawsuits that will ultimately impact tax payers. This is our city, it is our money and Jerry deBin has used it and us for his own purposes. This must end now and for good.

It is rumored that councilman Fisher and Gunter are planning to rescind their vote which would return Jerry to his position as city administrator.. If this happens, the citizens will not sit by while a person who has shown so little respect and so much self-serving and potentially criminal behavior, continues to abuse his power. Councilmen Fisher and Gunter, if you make such a decision, citizens will organize, protest and exercise their rights to the full extent. You will be viewed as dividers and traitors who do not care about the citizens you serve and are easily swayed by individuals who also serve themselves before the citizens.

Mayor Bailey, your actions recently have given many of us hope for a more united and law abiding governing body. If you do nothing, if given the opportunity to stop Jerry deBin from returning to city hall, the progress you have made will not only be lost, you will be viewed with distrust and as someone who has failed the citizens you were elected to serve.