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**Statement of Alderman Bob Donovan
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It is unfortunate that Chief Edward Flynn has determined it necessary to personally attack me. I have been, some might argue, one of the city's staunchest supporters of the Milwaukee Police Department during my tenure at City Hall. Yet the Chief apparently believes my effort to seek records that may shed light on the OpenSky radio system (and its failures) is somehow an attack on the department.

My records request and subpoena for OpenSky records is about shining a light on a radio system that cost the city millions of dollars yet has caused problems for our officers. As chairman of the Public Safety Committee, I have great concern that the radio system could be putting our officers in danger, and that it could also be endangering the safety of our citizens. I am confident that the records will provide answers and, perhaps, the truth about the system.

But we can't get to the truth if the Chief does not comply and provide the records.

To me, the Chief's attack on me is an indication that the 7th floor of the Police Administration Building is circling the wagons, hoping to end the investigation and quash the subpoena.

This issue is about accountability to the citizens of the City of Milwaukee. It's also about seeking the truth.

Perhaps the records will show that the truth is there's nothing seriously awry with the radio system, and then the truth will set the Chief free.

But we cannot know the truth if the Chief will not hand over the records.

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