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To: Local Media Outlets – Press Release for 9/1/26 at 4:00 p.m.

Subject: Flock Cameras Update – Public Safety & Individual Rights in Kosciusko County

In the Fall of 2023, I was formally updated and briefed on the use of Flock Cameras in our city and county by the Warsaw Police Department leadership team.

The Kosciusko County Flock Committee's efforts to offer this technology to area law enforcement agencies provides their trained, approved, and closely monitored officers with another valuable tool to make our community a safer place to *live, work, and play*. This committee must continue to demand that the use of Flock cameras in our county be done so responsibly, transparently, and within the law to ensure that public safety and individual rights work together – rather than competing with one another.

As an elected official for the City of Warsaw, I have supported the responsible use of Flock Safety cameras as a valuable tool for our WPD law enforcement officers. This program's governing body, the Kosciusko County Flock Committee, is chaired by the County Prosecutor's Office – who oversees the program's overall policies and operations for the entire county. Our elected county council, county commissioners, city council, and town boards will continue to influence the funding and support to use these cameras throughout the county. The state and federal courts, along with our state legislators, will also determine the appropriate use of this law enforcement tool in our county, state, and country. Our belief in the principles of *Separation of Powers* and *Checks & Balances* in our *Federal System of Government* is certainly at work related to the specific use of this law enforcement tool.

I have included formal responses from our leadership team at the Warsaw Police Department to questions recently asked by a local media outlet about the use of Flock cameras in our community. I have also included supporting documents related to several of their answers addressing these questions. Several members of the Kosciusko County Flock Committee, along with our city attorney, have reviewed and concurred with these formal responses (Kosciusko County Prosecutor Brad Voelz, Sheriff Jim Smith, Chief Scott Whitaker, and Warsaw City Attorney Scott Reust).

Lastly, we request that any reporting of this material by local media outlets be carried out in its entirety to support full transparency. We also encourage any person who has questions or concerns about Flock technology and the use of it in our community to contact the Flock Committee's public relations representative at 574-372-9515.

Respectfully,

Jeff R. Grose