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Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to formally request the opportunity to appear before the council during the next work session to present info about Safe Haven Baby Box and why they are a vital resource for our community.

*“Every year, countless infants are heartbreakingly abandoned in the United States. While each situation is unique, parents are continuously finding themselves in times of crisis, facing emotional and practical challenges that can lead to desperate and unsafe decisions. These tragic stories underscore the urgent need for a secure and compassionate alternative that provides parents with a safe and anonymous option for child surrender and gives children the possibility of a brighter future.*

*Since 2016, Safe Haven Baby Boxes have provided a discreet and secure option for parents to surrender their newborns. By raising awareness of the Safe Haven Law, operating a national 24-hour hotline, and carefully designing and implementing Baby Boxes in fire stations across the United States, Safe Haven Baby Boxes help ensure that no child is left without care and no parent feels like they have no options.” - Safe Haven Baby Box*

Myself along with Lisa Price another member of the Jefferson County community would like to present more insight about the Safe Haven Baby Box. Safe Haven Baby Box is privately funded and the organization provides training to local First Responders to *“ensure that every baby surrendered under the Safe Haven Law receives the immediate care and protection they need.”*

This initiative not only saves lives but also encourages mothers to make safe choices during desperate times. For more detailed information and resources, visiting their official website at <http://www.shbb.org> is highly recommended.

Lisa and I are available to discuss any further details.  
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Melinda (Mindy) Williams