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To whom this may concern,

I am deeply saddened by the recent cartoon featured in the Arizona Republic's "BENSON'S VIEW" which depicts a white police officer apparently making a traffic stop of an African American motorist. The artist then added context to a seemingly curious sketch by adding the caption..." Making a traffic stop. Send me a body bag." This is beyond the pale! Mr. Benson's opinion and his right to publish that opinion is one of our most richly protected and cherished constitutional rights. Perhaps he has forgotten who stands the watch to protect our liberties and those rights, which he believes apparently gives license to him to fetter the delicate healing and continue to fan the flames of distrust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Perhaps he has forgotten about the millions of traffic stops, citizen contacts, civil matters, arrest warrants made without incident, the check welfares that occur each day and the lives lost by those very protectors he took license to insult. He has forgotten about the multitude of lives saved each day and done with honor and distinction by the men and women of this nation's law enforcement officers. Their lives and the lives of those they serve are equally precious. This cartoon dishonors them all. Shame on you Mr. Benson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Levi Bolton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dr. Levi Bolton
Executive Director
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