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Dear Mr Childs and Select Board members,

I'd like to add my voice to those you have no doubt already heard. Everyone in Norwich appreciates your hard work and your service to the town, and understands that you are all well-intentioned and thoughtful. At the same time, the town wants the Town Manager form of government, and there is tremendous support for the fine job that Pete Webster has done for Norwich during the past 4 years - as evidenced by the large turnout for the community forum yesterday afternoon, and by the signatures on the petition that you will have received.

Rightly or wrongly, there is a widely held perception and belief that Pete is not being treated fairly or reasonably by the Select Board, and of hastily arrived-at decisions made behind closed doors, perhaps even for personal rather than personnel reasons. This is a perception that will be damaging to the Select Board, to the Town Manager, and to Norwich as a whole, and it should be of serious concern to the Select board.

I ask that you consider extending Pete's contract, and that whatever decisions you take are in the spirit of transparency and fair play.

Respectfully

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