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MAYOR BOUGHTON ADDRESSES "DANBURY 11" LAWSUIT

In response to a lawsuit filed by lawyers representing ten people claiming racial profiling and flawed arrests, Mayor Mark Boughton held a press conference today at City Hall. During the press conference Mayor Boughton answered reporters' questions and explained, **"This lawsuit is all about politics of immigration, driven by a group from Yale Law School that wish to silence my views on the urgent need for immigration reform in this country."**

Mayor Boughton was unable to comment on details of the complaint saying, **"I have not seen or reviewed the complaint with my attorneys because Yale did not have the courtesy to provide me a copy."**

The City of Danbury plans to mount a vigorous defense of this lawsuit. The city is apparently being sued for civil rights violations claiming racial profiling, targeting Latinos and flawed arrests. Danbury Police routinely assist Federal and State law enforcement agencies as standard operating procedures similar to every local law enforcement agency in the United States. Danbury has continued to be open and forthcoming with the plaintiffs and all parties requesting information on this matter, including extensive F.O.I. disclosures over the last year.

Danbury Police Chief Alan Baker explained, **"Danbury has not and will not participated in law enforcement racial profiling activities."**

"The lawsuit is not just against the Mayor and Chief of Police but it is against the citizens of Danbury who clearly want our laws enforced fairly and firmly." Mayor Boughton added.

Mayor Boughton has supported federal immigration reform that addresses the challenges of Danbury and communities across the country. The Mayor expressed his concerns about the lack of meaningful immigration reform measures that include border protection, interior enforcement and a measured approach to addressing millions of illegal aliens residing here. Mayor Boughton previously asked the Connecticut State Police to develop a strategic partnership with federal immigration authorities to address concerns in Danbury and other communities across the state, however the request was denied.

Note: If you have any questions regarding this press release, please call Michael McLachlan at 203-797-4511