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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON ON POLICE DISCIPLINARY CASES

"We are disappointed in today's arbitrator ruling that would allow police disciplinary cases that resulted in a year or longer suspension or termination to forego the Chicago Police Board. Although the City expressed strong dissent to the arbitrator's summer ruling, the arbitrator moved forward with their decision, which remains a major setback for police accountability and reform.

While we recognize police officers' right to arbitration, it is crucial that disciplinary cases be handled in a manner that allows for public transparency and true accountability. Since this is a matter that will require City Council action, I am asking the body to reject this measure when it comes up in the coming weeks.

Ultimately, we will not allow this to undermine our efforts to advance reform, increase transparency and implement our vision for improved public safety and policing to make our city better, stronger, and safer."

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