Dear Senator Dreyfus,

The possibility of robots having responsibility in our country has been brought into the light, mainly by the company Omnicorp and their half-human, half-robot creation, Alex Murphy. In attempt to protect American lives, Omnicorp has deployed their robotic soldiers into combative countries. You seem to be very vocal with your opinion on Murphy and the use of robotic law enforcement in America, and this has caused a great deal of controversy. I cannot say that I fully agree with your stance on drones taking the place of a principally human police force, and have written to you in hopes that you will take time to consider the points that I will mention in this letter.

I believe that robots do have their place in American society, especially in law enforcement. Robots are not biased, prejudiced or corrupt, several faults that have been ingrained into our country’s public opinion of security. Robots do not get tired, experience emotions, and cannot have their reasoning swayed by criminals. The possibility of a robot malfunctioning is minimal, because they are already deployed in other countries for similar purposes, and they have been extensively tested while in production and real situations. However, robots should not entirely replace human officers. The robots would be ideal for the most dangerous situations human police face, so that officers would no longer risk their lives in exchange for our safety.

While there are definite benefits to the use of robots in our society, there are foreseeable flaws that would need to be changed before the system could be put into use. Robotic police officers are somewhat human, and too intimidating, which is a problem. We should not view these robots as humans in any way. This would require Omnicorp to redesign their robots, so that we do not grow attached to them, and in the process, no longer expect them to be human. In addition, many of the non-humanoid robots have a more intimidating appearance that translates into terror for the public. Compliance created by fear will greatly cripple our people, and their trust in our national system. In redesigning, we would create drones that we do not grow attached to and protect without instilling fear in our people.

Our country needs the assistance of robots for protection, though the state of how our robots are modeled needs a great deal of consideration. With modifications and proof to our people that the robots would be used for good, we will go far. We have already created intelligent, dependable technology, and it will only excel through application and additional use over time. It is time we used this technology to create a smarter, more efficient enforcement system, and ensure a stable future to be proud of.

Senator Dreyfus, like it or not, America needs robots.