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Troy, MI 48098  
January 12, 2006

Charles T. Craft  
Chief of Police  
City of Troy  
500 W. Big Beaver Road  
Troy, MI 48084

Dear Chief Craft:

As a parent of two children, I attended a PTO meeting at Bemis Elementary School last evening and enjoyed the opportunity to hear a presentation by Officer Nicolette Kaptur. She delivered a most informative presentation to parents and staff regarding issues of child safety, drug abuse prevention, and safe computer use. Her presentation was direct, relevant, interactive, and factual, and delivered with a bit of humor to keep the attention and interest of the group. Not only does she provide an awareness of issues, she also provides practical, hands-on tips to empower parents to take preventive steps to educate and protect their children.

Several years ago I attended a homeowners' association meeting at which Officer Kaptur spoke. I've seen her at school making a presentation to a group of students. I've seen her featured several times in the local newspapers. And I know several little girls who have participated in the Locks of Love program. How important that this officer is so visible in our community, initiating and leading positive, proactive programs. How valuable that she provides the information necessary for citizens to make responsible choices. How fortunate our children are to know an officer, whom they respect, telling them how to be safe and caring citizens.

Officer Kaptur is truly an asset and a blessing to your department, our Troy schools and community, and most importantly, to our children.

Sincerely,

*Brenda K. Balas*

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CC: City Mgr  
Capt. Mayer  
Off. Kaptur/File  
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