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Charles Craft  
 Chief of Police  
 Troy, Michigan

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Dear Chief Craft:

I am writing this letter to commend Officer Pat Browne for his exemplary performance while serving as a Task Force Agent (TFA) for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) from during 2005. On July 18, 2005, DEA agents and Task Force Officers of HIDTA Task Force Group 6 culminated a year-long multi-jurisdictional Title III operation that resulted in the federal Continuing Criminal Enterprise (CCE) indictment of Quasand LEWIS, the notorious metro Detroit drug kingpin and the arrest of 34 individuals in Detroit and 57 individuals nationwide, the seizure of 18,000 pounds of marijuana and 14 million in bulk currency, as well as the freezing and indictment of bank accounts and real property worth ten million dollars. Intelligence developed in conjunction with over 40 Title III intercepts during this investigation was instrumental in assisting other DEA offices and the FBI in the initiation of four spin-off Title III investigations. During Operation Falling Star, the Group 6 investigation made a significant contribution and impact to this international initiative and has received attention from the highest levels of the Department of Justice and DEA. This significant investigation was also incorporated under DEA Administrator Tandy's "Money Trail Initiative", an enforcement strategy of following the money to attack the financial infrastructure of drug trafficking organizations. The initiative also made a measurable impact on the price and availability of marijuana, as well as served as a model of federal, state and local law enforcement partnerships that successfully maximized the impact of our enforcement.

TFA Browne worked countless hours round the clock monitoring a Title III and performing the task of surveillance team leader. TFA Browne brought his expert surveillance skills and investigative talents, as well as the considerable resources of your department, including your Special Investigations Unit (SIU) to bear on successfully targeting the international Mexican narcotics traffickers, money launderers and violent Detroit violators in this investigation.

TFA Browne has made an extraordinary contribution to drug law enforcement. TFA Browne is the kind of officer that comes to police work to make a difference in people's lives and you can be proud that he was part of a team that made a huge impact on reducing drug violence in the metro area by dismantling one of the most significant marijuana trafficking and money laundering organizations in metro Detroit history.

TFA Browne's dedication to duty and teamwork are greatly appreciated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and reflect great credit upon himself and your department.

cc: *for mgr.*  
 Capt. Suta  
 CPT Browne  
 CPT. Browne's dept file

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'NSB', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nicholas S. Brooke  
Task Force Commander  
HIDTA Task Force Group 6

cc: Troy Task Force File