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Gary Mayer
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Sgt. GOBLER-

THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING ALL OF US HERE AT TROY PD
SO WELL I APPRECIATE YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND THE GREAT
IMPRESSION THAT YOU MADE ON MR. ERICKSON AND THE REST
OF THE JURORS. Gary

Dear Chief Mayer,

Last month I had the honor of performing my civic duty to serve on a District Court jury in Judge Hartig's courtroom. The case involved Officer Gobler arresting a Detroit youth for possession of marijuana. We jurors had the privilege of viewing a video taken by the officer's police car video-cam, which left little to the imagination.

While we jurors were in the jury room deliberating, I made a comment to the other jurors with which they all strongly agreed: We were all amazed at the respect Officer Gobler demonstrated toward the defendant. He treated the defendant not only like a human being, but like a respectable human being.

With all of the incidents of police aggressiveness in the news lately, coupled with the awareness that criminal suspects are not necessarily respectful themselves (and are, sometimes, violent and dangerous), we would not have been at all surprised or disappointed if Officer Gobler had treated the suspect roughly, verbally and physically. However, Officer Gobler was amazingly skillful at being both firm and gentle, always in control, but never abusive.

After the trial (in which we found the defendant Guilty), we had the opportunity to speak to Officer Gobler. I asked if there are any other Troy Police officers who are able to maintain control so gently and respectfully. He answered that they're all that way, and that his behavior is nothing unusual for a Troy Police officer. He declared that Troy is blessed with superb batch of officers, who all conduct themselves in a professionally respectful manner.

I'm writing to you to congratulate and thank you. Congratulations on your good fortune of having an ace crew of professionals like Officer Gobler to work with, and thank you for encouraging this kind of professionalism. My wife and I just moved to Troy one year ago, and it's a joy for us to see yet another reason why Troy is a great city to call our home.

Sincerely,

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