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Chief Mark Beckwith  
Milan Police Department  
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Dear Chief Beckwith:

I would like to express my appreciation for the efforts of Deputy Chief Bob Springer and the ILEAS Region 2 Field Force Team at our Thomson Prison Hearing in Sterling on 22 December 2009.

Deputy Chief Springer attended a number of planning meetings as well as the hearing itself. His knowledge and experience was invaluable to the planning process.

The Region 2 Field Force Team rotated through key traffic control points and was ready to respond to any demonstrations. Officers I encountered at these check points looked sharp and were courteous and respectful. Officers rotating through the staging area for food and warmth were always courteous and professional in their down time.

I have jokingly stated a number of times (including to Governor Quinn) that the plan was so good it is a shame nothing happened. Deputy Chief Springer and the Region 2 Field Force Team were an integral part of that plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Potthoff".

Ron Potthoff  
Chief of Police

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