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Dear Mr. Bessenbacher,

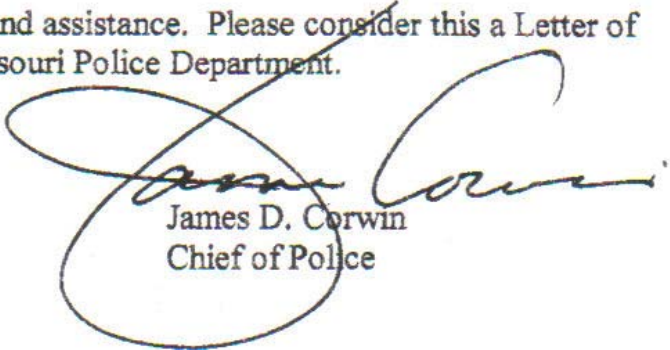
On April 2, 2004, you became involved with this department's Law Enforcement Sister Cities Program. As a member of the Morelia Sister City Committee, you gave valuable insight to the committee. You attended every committee meeting and consequently, your input at these meetings was beneficial in developing the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department's Spanish Immersion Program.

Later, in July, 2005, you accompanied department members to Morelia, Mexico to research the language programs there and meet with government and law enforcement officials during a joint trade mission hosted by the Kansas City-Mexico Business and Trade Corporation. In fact, you were of great value as you arranged most of the meetings and were their guide throughout their visit. You also paid for the trip at your own expense.

Then when the Police Academy assumed control of the Spanish Immersion Program, you attended all of the functions for the program, as well as speaking to the officers who were going to Mexico to help prepare them for the trip. You also met with the officers in Mexico to assist them with their transition to the new environment there.

On behalf of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your contribution in the culmination of the Spanish Immersion Program. As a member of the Morelia Sister City Committee, your assistance and cooperation such as this, clearly demonstrates the partnership between the police department and community organizations in the attempts to improve communications with the Hispanic community.

Again, thank you for your time and assistance. Please consider this a Letter of Appreciation from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.


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cc: Gloria Bessenbacher, Chair
Morelia Sister City Committee