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Dear Mr. Willis,

I am writing to express my gratitude for what you and your agency does to help law enforcement agencies throughout the United States.

Recently, I reached out to you in hopes of obtaining 4 bullet proof vests for a small police department in my county. Since they are a smaller entity, they just didn't have the extra funds to make this purchase.

Without hesitation you contacted the chief and within a few weeks the officers had their vests. You are all to be commended for the way you support all law enforcement and could have saved a life by providing this much needed equipment.

We have been very fortunate to have had your instructors come to Brown County and provide very up to date and informative training for my deputies and jail staff.

I am very appreciative and supportive of the USDSA, the staff and your stance on helping law enforcement.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Merchant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John D. Merchant
Brown County Kansas Sheriff