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To Whom It May Concern:

We have received the Blackhawk Dynamic Entry Tactical Backpack Kit as well as the Blackhawk Dynamic Entry Spec Ops Ram. I can't begin to thank you all at the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association enough for the equipment. We operate in the depressed area of Appalachia where grant funding is rarely received for equipment and overtime. Southeastern Ohio is often referred to by many local agencies as the "forgotten part of the state". Many times when funding is approved, it is much less than the original amount that was requested which makes carrying out operations difficult without the full funding for the project.

We have used the equipment that we received several times already when our agency has conducted search warrants into residences. This equipment has been very useful for us as our old ram at our department is approximately 20 years old now and has needed replaced for quite some time. The backpack kit has made it much easier and more tactical in our approaches as we are no longer carrying these items in our hands as we prepare to make an entry.

Our Sheriff and our staff are very grateful for your assistance in providing us with the equipment that we requested on the grant. Without it we would still be operating with old and outdated equipment that we have used for many years at our office. If our agency can ever be of any assistance to you at the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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