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Mr. David Hinners  
United States Deputy Sheriff's Association  
2233 S West Street Ct.  
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Dear Mr. Hinners:

I am writing on behalf of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, and the family of Trooper John S. Horton.

Thank you for your condolences on the loss of Trooper Horton. Your kind words truly provide comfort during this difficult time, and they are greatly appreciated. We also appreciate the \$1000 check the US Deputy Sheriff's Association sent in honor of our fallen hero. This money will certainly help the Horton family, with the struggles that they may face. I will ensure that your gift is delivered to Mrs. Horton, as I know that this will mean a lot to her.

Please continue to keep our agency, and the entire Horton family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Freddy L. Johnson, Jr.  
Commander

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