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David Hinners, Executive Director
United States Deputy Sheriff's Association
2233 S. West Street Court
Wichita, Kansas 67213

Dear Director Hinners:

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol recently received a condolence letter and donation check from the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association for the families of two of our members who lost their battle with COVID-19 earlier this year. I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the great work the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association does to support law enforcement officers, their families, and the communities in which they serve. It truly exemplifies the bond of the men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line and sacrifice in the name of public safety.

The families of First Sergeant Timothy "Lee" Howell and Master Trooper James "Brent" Montgomery have extended a heartfelt thank you for the End-of-Watch donation and, moreover, the thoughts of comfort and condolences offered by the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association. As you are aware, the iterations of grief cascading through families dealing with tragic events of this nature can be overwhelming. Recognition from the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association has provided honor, hope and healing to the families of First Sergeant Howell and Master Trooper Montgomery.

Once again, thank you for supporting the families of our fallen heroes. It means a great deal to them and to the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

Sincerely,

Freddy L. Johnson, Jr.
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