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The Honorable Jerry Moran

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Dear Senator Moran:

I am writing to express my strong support for a Congressionally Directed Spending request submitted to your office by the U.S. Deputy Sheriff's Association of Wichita, KS for the expansion of its law enforcement training and equipment donation programs throughout Kansas.

Headquartered in Wichita, Kansas, the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association (USDSA) is a non-profit organization that provides much needed law enforcement training and support to law enforcement agencies across Kansas and the nation. Most important, USDSA provides this valuable training free-of-charge. This is vitally important to the many small law enforcement agencies in Kansas that have limited training budgets.

As you well know, law enforcement agencies in Kansas are facing many challenges — not the least of which is training new officers as more experienced officers are retiring in record numbers. The state-of-the art training provided by USDSA to Kansas law enforcement agencies are saving lives and allowing law enforcement officers to more effectively and safely interact with the communities they serve.

In addition, too many small law enforcement agencies across our state do not have the resources necessary to provide officers with the proper safety equipment. USDSA's equipment donation program seeks to address this serious officer safety issue by providing much needed safety equipment to needy law enforcement agencies across Kansas.

The funding requested by USDSA will allow USDSA to provide much needed training to more law enforcement officers across Kansas and, as important, provide desperately needed equipment to smaller departments across the state.

In short, this funding request will save lives and help build safer communities in our state. I respectfully urge you to make USDSA's funding request a top priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Gazzano".

Lieutenant Nicholas Gazzano
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