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To Whom It May Concern:

I am compelled by appreciation to pen this correspondence of commendation for one of your officers, Trooper Abbas Rasul.

On March 5, 2002, I was involved in an automobile accident on I-95 at 9:15 A.M. and Trooper Rasul was dispatched to respond. What was initially a frightening, unnerving and disturbing situation, quickly resulted in a more positive outcome due to the professional and expert handling of the incident by this Officer.

I have had two previous contacts with other law enforcement agencies (regarding accidental situations) that left me with tainted reactions about how Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) sometime respond in the performance of their duties.

I'm not unfamiliar with, nor am I a novice to the responsibilities of LEOs, as I have family and friends who chose this field as their career paths. Also, I am a Hospital Administrator of a forensic facility, governed by Fla. Statues 916, which employs seventy-three LEOs.

Upon responding to this accident, Trooper Rasul immediately diffused the level of fear and anxiety by his calm demeanor and his compassionate expressions of concern for both drivers. During the process of providing and receiving accident information, Trooper Rasul remained confident and caring which helped to maintain an environment of cooperation.

I am very grateful that we have LEOs like Trooper Rasul who really seem to genuinely care about the public they serve. This experience has completely changed how I view the FHP and has resulted in a new admiration and respect for what you do. May God bless and keep you safe!

Sincerely,

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