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Dear Colonel Knight,

I am taking a moment to write you a letter of thanks and commendation on behalf of Community Service Officer Wally G. Jackson, who is stationed with the Florida Highway Patrol, out of Tampa.

A couple of days past last Thanksgiving and after making it almost all the way home from a trip up North to celebrate the holiday with family, I suddenly found myself caught up in a horrific car crash, resulting from a blown tire, about twenty miles south of Tampa, on I 75. I lost control and my small truck flipped over several times before finally coming to rest in a ditch.

Trooper Jackson was quick to respond, rendering to me first aid and seeing to it that I was properly cared for, evaluated, and that arrangements were made to ensure my safe return home.

A few days later I wrote Trooper Jackson, thanking him for his aid, while attempting to reward him for his assistance, but in the highest traditions of law enforcement and public service, Trooper Jackson politely declined my gift, stating the opportunity to serve was compensation enough, and that the knowledge that I came through my ordeal unscathed was in itself a rich reward.

If Trooper Jackson is indicative of the type of officer the state is seeking to employ in order to augment the Florida Highway Patrol, then I'm certain that such a program is destined to succeed and become an integral facet of our state's overall law enforcement endeavor.

On behalf of Trooper Jackson and the Community Service Officer Program and indeed to the entire Florida Highway Patrol itself, I offer to you my heartfelt thanks and unequivocal appreciation for the community service which your department, in the person of Trooper Jackson, provided to me over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sincerely,

George S. Gilman