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Dear Friends in the Florida Highway Patrol,

On behalf of the City of Wiggins and our police department, we wish to express our deepest gratitude for the support and help you offered to us immediately following Katrina. We could not have been nearly as effective in helping our community without you.

You came in to help us in our most trying time. Your law enforcement officers were invaluable to all of us. They knew just what to do, how to do it, and at the same time offered us the emotional support and inspiration we needed. Words cannot describe the relief --physically and mentally-- all of you brought us when you walked through the doors of our police department.

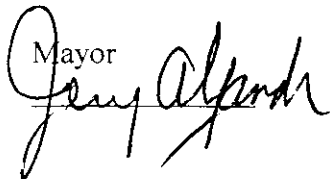
We know many of you had dealt with the same challenges when storms struck your own cities. When you arrived in Wiggins, you jumped right in and took over our duties when we were overwhelmed and exhausted beyond going. You reminded us every day that we could "get through this disaster and rebuild". You encouraged us to keep going. Most of all, you gave us HOPE!

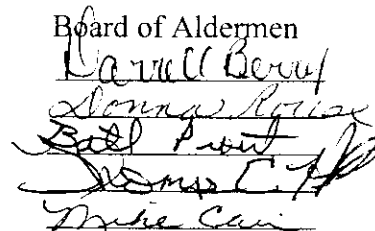
We can never repay you for what you did for our city during the disaster. We will always be grateful to you, our friends. Perhaps one day, we will have the opportunity to "pass on" the physical assistance and the lessons we learned from you to others who are facing the same challenges brought on by another storm.

We realize coming to our aid was a sacrifice for you, your department, and your families. Thank you again. We will never forget your kindness and concern at a time when we needed it most.

May God bless all of you and keep you safe.

Sincerely,

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