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Honorable Joe Biden
Vice President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Dear Vice President Biden,

Thank you again for your recent visit to the Toledo area. We write today in follow-up to discussions we had during your visit.

Recently, we received notification regarding the City of Toledo's application for the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). The notification stated that the City of Toledo will likely be eligible for funding through CHRP for a maximum of 31 officers, not funding for 150 officers which the City sought.

We respectfully seek your intervention in this matter to effect an increase in the number of CHRP funded officers for Toledo. Severe economic conditions in auto intensive Toledo have forced the lay off of 75 officers as of May 1st. With the assistance of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding and other funds, we were able to bring 29 officers back to work. However, we still have 46 officers laid off. Currently, we have 564 officers working, which amounts to 1.7 officers per 1,000 population -- one of lowest rates in the country for an urban area.

Job losses in the automotive industry have devastated Toledo's economy which currently suffers one of the highest unemployment rates (14.3 percent) and one of the highest foreclosure rates of any city in the United States. The City of Toledo has cut in excess of \$40 million from its annual budget since 2006 with more cuts ahead. Our city's police department has done an admirable job with less officers per capita than any other major city in Ohio and the Midwest. It is imperative that the city of Toledo be given priority in the CHRP.

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Thank you for any assistance you may render in achieving reconsideration of CHRP funding for Toledo.

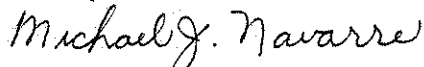
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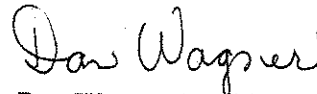
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