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*Mayor Kent H. Williams*

*Chief Jon V. Kirby*

Dear Mr. Hotle,

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I would like to express the Evanston Police Department's complete satisfaction with our working relationship with Tera Lawlar of the Prevention Management Organization of Wyoming. Tera is one of our greatest assets when it comes to securing trainings and tools in the alcohol and tobacco prevention programs and in the suicide awareness programs. She is able to secure supplemental funds for these ongoing programs within the Department which allows us to continue our education of our community.

Tera has provided us with training materials for our continuing Alcohol Server Education Program where we have been able to train over 380 individuals in the proper techniques of alcohol service and identification checking. This program has been a great tool in reducing the consumption of alcohol by minors in our community. She has also been able to provide us with tools we can provide to event personnel to ensure identifications are checked at temporary events such as rodeos, demolition derbies and brewfest. If we were to get low in these supplies, all it takes is a simple phone call to Tera with our needs and she is able to get us more of the needed resources. Without these tools the risk of underage alcohol consumption would be greatly increased.

She has provided us with tools for our Department to make available to local businesses in the area of underage tobacco consumption. These tools were provided to our local businesses so they too could educate their staff members in the prevention of selling tobacco to minors. This always improves the working relationships between our Agency and the business owners of our community.

Our Department has a great working partnership with the suicide awareness program she is an active participant in. Tera has been able to secure training for over half of our Departmental personnel in suicide awareness and gatekeeper training. This is a valuable tool for law enforcement since we are typically the first ones called to assist a person in crisis. This training has provided valuable insights on how to possibly deal with these types of situations

through active discussions and shared experiences. We hope to get the rest of our personnel through the same type of trainings in the near future.

In closing, Tera Lawlar is an Incredible partner with our Agency. Without her assistance, we would not be able to afford half of the trainings we have been able to attend nor would we be able to provide the quality of education to our community members that has been possible with her help.

Sincerely,

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