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Correspondent: **MR. PATRICK CHILTON**

Subject/Description: **THANK YOU FOR WRITING. AS PRESIDENT AND AS A FATHER, I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM WHO SERVE AND PROTECT FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS AMERICA. I APPRECIATE YOUR SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH ME.**

August 23, 2016

Mr. Patrick Chilton

Dear Patrick:

Thank you for writing. As President and as a father, I am deeply grateful to the brave men and women in uniform who serve and protect families and communities across America. I appreciate your sharing your experience with me.

Law enforcement officials represent the best of our Nation, and they deserve the best from it. As you know well, they have enormously tough jobs. After putting their lives on the line every single day to keep us safe, they deserve to return home to their loved ones at the end of each shift. Throughout my Presidency, I've spent time with members of the tight-knit law enforcement community. I know that when tragedy strikes law enforcement, it is as devastating as a loss in the family. Any attack on police is an unjustified attack on all of us, on the rule of law, and on civilized society.

Some are trying to use recent events to divide police and the communities they serve. I reject those efforts, for they do not reflect the reality of our Nation. Law enforcement is most effective when people have confidence in the system, and my Administration is taking steps to enhance community policing and strengthen the relationship between these dedicated professionals and those they protect. We cannot ask police to solve issues we refuse to address as a society. We should give them the resources they need to do their jobs, and we must give our best efforts to address the underlying challenges that contribute to crime and unrest.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write. I have faith that we will reject division and stay united as one American family. We are at our best when we recognize our common humanity, set an example of trust and responsibility for our children, and honor the sacrifices of our bravest by coming together to be better.

BARACK OBAMA (A)

Sincerely,
[POTUS AP]

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BO/FR/VA/CW/Philip Mattson

Police Support Personal

Case Number: 20160709-08247389

Sent to:

Mr. Patrick Chilton

Case Origin: Contact Us

From: Mr. Patrick Chilton

Submitted: 7/9/2016 12:09 AM EDT

Email:

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Phone:

Address:

Message: Dear Mr President,

My name is Patrick Chilton. I am a police officer with the NYPD assigned to the Brooklyn North Evidence Collection Team. I have been a member of the greatest police department in the world and the law enforcement community for eleven years as of 11 July 2016.

I voted for you in 2012 because I thought you did a good job as a leader. Some of your policies I agreed with and some I did not, and some I had no interests in, but I thought you were a good leader. As a young police officer, still relatively new to the job in 2009, I was surprised and impressed with the meeting you had with Mr. Henry Louis Gates and Sgt. James Crowley. I was happy that you were trying to get two people, each with conflicting views of an incident, to try to understand what the other person saw and empathize with each other. The beer was the cherry on top.

My heart hurts for my brothers and sisters in law enforcement across the country who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the communities they protect. What happened in Dallas is unprecedented and as I write this letter to you I think of my family. I think of my wife of seven years, Janice, who is mourning for officers' widows and families again. I think about my parents who are worried for their children who have answered the calling to protect the flock. I mainly think of my sons. My five year old Tyler and my three year old Colin who everyday tell me they love me and want to be just like me when they grow up. I'm glad that they just want to watch cartoons so they can't see the news and hear the stories.

There is no way to solve everything overnight, but nothing can be solved without a leader. A leader who can bring two people together, each with conflicting views, to try to understand and empathize with each other.

Patrick Chilton PO BNECT