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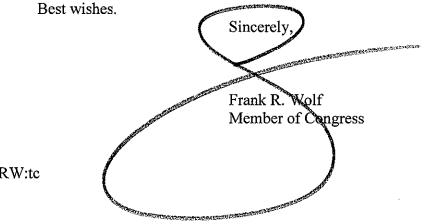
Ms. Tahitia Barringer Office of Justice Programs 810 Seventh St NW Washington DC 20531

Dear Ms. Barringer:

As the congressional sponsor of the directed appropriation to the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force in the fiscal year 2009 spending bill, I respectfully request that you change the grant recipient from the City of Manassas Park to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is located at 880 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg, VA 20175.

The Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force has developed into a national model for gang suppression, intervention, and prevention. In response to increasing gang activity in northern Virginia, this multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task force was established in 2003 to more effectively respond to gang activity. As a result of the task force's efforts, criminal gang activity has declined by more than 50 percent.

Please do not hesitate to contact Thomas Culligan in my office at 202-225-5136 with any questions.



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