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Dear Lieutenant Schreffler,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the assistance Sergeant Michael Barnett and Agent Steven D. Roskey provided to my unit on February 26, 2010. We contacted Sergeant Barnett and Agent Roskey requesting guidance in investigating human trafficking in cantinas in the Houston area.

At my request Sergeant Barnett agreed to let Agent Roskey show us some cantinas similar to those we had discussed in the meeting. As a result of this first hand "tour" we met a woman who had been kidnaped from Mexico three years ago at the age of 18. The captors forced the woman to work as a prostitute by holding her 14 month old daughter "hostage". After conducting a thorough investigation the woman and her daughter were both rescued.

The dedication shown by both Sergeant Barnett and Agent Roskey throughout this endeavor was inspirational. They worked throughout the night to ensure the safe return of not only the mother, but the child as well. They are true professionals and are a credit to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the State of Texas.

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