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Chief Mark Helms
Lodi Police Department
215 W. Elm Street
Lodi, CA 95240

Dear Chief Helms:

I am writing in regards to the tragic shooting death of my constituent, U.S. Army veteran Parminder Singh Shergill. I share the grief of the men and women of Lodi in the death of a veteran who has served our nation with honor and dedication. The events leading to this tragedy continue to be of grave concern to many Lodi residents.

I appreciate the conversations we have had with the Lodi Police Department regarding this matter. Per my conversations with all parties, I understand that officer-involved shootings require specific procedures to ensure an investigation that is impartial and fair to the deceased and their family, the officers involved, the police department, and the community. However, I am concerned with recent news reports that suggest the investigation could take as long as year. I urge that this investigation receive the highest priority so it can be completed both thoroughly and rapidly while maintaining the integrity of the investigation. A swift, open, and transparent investigation will help heal a community that continues to grieve.

Please contact my office at 916-262-0999 if you have any questions regarding this matter. Thank you for your assistance

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Pan".

Dr. Richard Pan
Assemblymember, 9th District

cc:
Kamala Harris, California Attorney General

Phil Katzakian, Mayor of Lodi
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