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From: Captain Brent Hilliard

RE: Jury Verdict in *Hilliard v. Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office et. al.*, Case No. 1:18-cv-00550-CWD (United States District Court for the District of Idaho).

I cannot express in words the extent of my gratitude for the support I have received from my family during the past four and a half years. It was the honor of my lifetime to serve our community as a member of law enforcement. However, the circumstances of the discrimination I experienced at the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office in 2017 resulted in the most difficult months of my life, and the ultimate loss of a career that I loved. I could not have survived these challenges without the love and support of my wife, Amber, my parents, and my children.

I am so fortunate to have had access to our incredible justice system, and very grateful for the hard work of the jury in my case. Although my legal battle is not over yet, the jury's verdict was a major step towards justice being served, and brings a lot of closure to me personally. Thank you to members of the community, and especially my medical providers, for your support through these difficult times. The jury's verdict will help bridge the gap towards a brighter future for me and my loved ones.

Most of all, I hope my story will serve as a reminder to the mental health challenges that members of law enforcement are silently battling every day. It is extremely important that as a community, we provide better services and support to our military veterans and members of local law enforcement. I wish that I had received the support that the law requires when I needed it most, but I hope that my case will ensure that future officers who may be struggling physically, mentally, or emotionally are received with love and support from County leadership. I hope my case serves as a reminder that the rule of law matters, and the importance of providing all employees with access to the treatment and reasonable accommodations that they deserve and are entitled to under state and federal law.

Sincerely,

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