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Phil Keith, Director
Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice
145 N Street NE
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Keith,

I'm writing in support of the application from the Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Police Training Institute for the FY 2018 Community Policing Development Program.

Our agency was honored to host the Police Training Institute's (PTI) comprehensive training "Connecting Youth & Communities with Law Enforcement" (CYCLE). This training was well received by our officers and provided new insights by combining topics such as Adolescent Brain Development, De-escalation, Implicit Bias, and Informed Response to Trauma. By coaching our first responders, PTI provided useful skills that will help to transform the way we interact with youth in the community. The youth engagement is a key element that makes this program cutting edge in law enforcement training.

Our officers who participated in the CYCLE training have reported positive results about what they learned and they applaud the relevance of the training to their work and day-to-day interactions with the communities they serve. This program lays the groundwork for long term change and provides the opportunity for my agency to start the process of police – community relations.

I enthusiastically support PTI's efforts to develop a Train the Trainer program to allow wide scale implementation. I support their request for COPS office support for the development, evaluation and implementation of the train the trainer curriculum. I look forward to continuing to support this program as it grows to a full-scale, marketable training program that will benefit communities and law enforcement agencies across America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C.R. Miller". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

Craig R. Miller
Dallas ISD Chief of Police