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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 would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me and the members of our Cap-to-Cap Public Safety Team on April 16th and to congratulate you on your new position as Director.

On behalf of the Sacramento Police Department, 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.

Sacramento Police Officers who participated in the CYCLE training have reported positive results about what they learned and 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 continue to strengthen 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy program.

Sincerely,

Chief of Police

The Mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property, solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.