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May 23, 2018

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. CYCLE is an excellent program that all department should look to for improved youth interactions.

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 black ink that reads "Mike Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Mike Brown  
Chief of Police  
Salt Lake City Police Department