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Mr. William West
Executive Vice President
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and Police Benevolent Association, Inc.
194 Washington Avenue
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Dear Mr. West:

I want to take a moment to commend you and the entire New York State Correctional Officers and Police Benevolent Association for your ongoing efforts in introducing and advancing the SMART Program to all of the Children of New York State.

All too often in today's society we hear of youngsters being abducted and although parents undoubtedly teach their children to be aware of the dangers of strangers, reinforcement from professionals who have familiarity with people whom prey upon children will certainly help to prevent such occurrences.

You are to be commended for introducing us to the SMART Program and I look forward to working with NYSCOBA as you will unquestionably help young people in my District and throughout the State of New York.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy J. Velella".

Guy J. Velella

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