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To the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Minority Relations Community Taskforce

Dear Taskforce Members:

On behalf of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), I want to thank you for agreeing to serve as a member of our newly commissioned Minority Relations Community Taskforce. As a member of this important taskforce, you represent a wide variety of disciplines within our local minority community including law enforcement, firefighters, members of the clergy, educators, and other community stakeholders.

I am commissioning this HCSO Minority Relations Community Taskforce to help us further develop more meaningful relationships between our agency and the local minority community we serve. Together, we can use our relationships and your support to advance the HCSO's goals of strengthening community-oriented policing (COPS) with its focus on working cooperatively within the community. Besides our increasing efforts to recruit more minorities, our plan for the community would include doing what we can to improve:

- Community Perception of Law Enforcement
- Community Engagement from Law Enforcement
- Transparency Following any Alleged Law Enforcement Wrongdoing
- Law Enforcement Self-Regulation

Once again, thank you for agreeing to serve as a member of our new HCSO Minority Relations Community Taskforce. I value your opinion and look forward to your input and support as we work together to improve relationships within our minority communities.

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Jim Hammond

Sheriff