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Chief Heath Scott
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Dear Chief Scott:

I'm writing this letter to express my appreciation for the work that you and the officers of the Haines Borough Police Department have done in recent months to improve the functioning of that department and its communication with my office. I've been assigned to prosecute criminal cases arising in Haines since 2010. In those years, I've worked with five police chiefs and countless officers. In that time, there were a number of deficiencies in Haines' practices and policies that were identified not only by myself, but also by the District Attorneys with whom I worked. Those deficiencies included areas like evidence collection, retention, and organization, investigation of major crimes, and community relations.

I am pleased to say that HBPD has made great strides towards resolving many of these concerns in the last year. For example, HBPD and our office have arranged for a monthly touch-base meeting during which we can staff cases and I can answer any legal questions you have about the cases you investigate. Further, you've committed to sending Officer Brown to Drug Recognition Expert training, which will certainly enable us to better prosecute drug offenses and drug DUI cases. Additionally, you've re-hired Officer Adam Patterson, who, in my experience having tried a number of cases with him, has a very good relationship with the community and works diligently to foster close ties with the people of Haines. These are all positive developments and I am very excited to see how they turn out as we head into 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Paige".

Amy Paige
Assistant District Attorney