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Correspondent: **MR. BRUCE MONFORTE**

Subject/Description: **THANK YOU FOR WRITING. AS PRESIDENT AND AS A  
FATHER, I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO THE BRAVE MEN  
AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM WHO SERVE AND PROTECT  
FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS AMERICA.**

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August 23, 2016

Mr. Bruce Monforte  
Summerfield, Florida

Dear Bruce:

Thank you for writing. As President and as a father, I am deeply grateful to the brave men and women in uniform who serve and protect families and communities across America. I appreciate your sharing your experience with me.

Law enforcement officials represent the best of our Nation, and they deserve the best from it. As you know well, they have enormously tough jobs. After putting their lives on the line every single day to keep us safe, they deserve to return home to their loved ones at the end of each shift. Throughout my Presidency, I've spent time with members of the tight-knit law enforcement community. I know that when tragedy strikes law enforcement, it is as devastating as a loss in the family. Any attack on police is an unjustified attack on all of us, on the rule of law, and on civilized society.

Some are trying to use recent events to divide police and the communities they serve. I reject those efforts, for they do not reflect the reality of our Nation. Law enforcement is most effective when people have confidence in the system, and my Administration is taking steps to enhance community policing and strengthen the relationship between these dedicated professionals and those they protect. We cannot ask police to solve issues we refuse to address as a society. We should give them the resources they need to do their jobs, and we must give our best efforts to address the underlying challenges that contribute to crime and unrest.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write. I have faith that we will reject division and stay united as one American family. We are at our best when we recognize our common humanity, set an example of trust and responsibility for our children, and honor the sacrifices of our bravest by coming together to be better.

Sincerely,  
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Police Support Personal  
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Mr. Bruce Monforte

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**Message:** As a retired police officer, police officers are innocent until proven guilty. You are not the king. However, I must commend you. You have created an environment and a racial divide that I have not seen since the sixties. Your rhetoric against the police has indirectly put police officers in jeopardy. Their blood is on your hands. May God forgive you. Oh, and by the way, we can always solve the problem with a beer summit!

Yours truly,

Bruce Monforte, retired Lieutenant, NYSP