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June 10, 2016

Chief William Pernet
North Whatcom Fire and Rescue
4142 Britton Loop Rd
Bellingham, WA 98226

Dear Chief Pernet,

The purpose of this communication is to thank you and your agency for assisting the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office in ensuring the safety of our community and the protection of free speech and public assembly rights at the May 7, 2016 Donald Trump campaign event that was held in Lynden, Washington. Given we received short advance notice and a limited window for public safety planning for an event of this magnitude, your rapid commitment of desperately needed resources and response was very much appreciated. Your firefighters performed both professionally and competently and I am forever grateful.

On behalf of the citizens of Whatcom County, thank you. Please be ensured that we will reciprocate should a need arise in your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Elfo".

Bill Elfo, Sheriff