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Dear John,

The purpose of this letter is to compliment your office on the outstanding case presented by Assistant Prosecutors Dennis Barr and Chryssa Hartnett against Jeffery Scott Phillips. To have obtained a guilty verdict in a capital murder case so swiftly is further testament to the high quality case they presented against Phillips.

Our department is extremely grateful for their hard work and dedication, as is the Leeson family. Dennis and Chryssa spent many hours in our building meeting with potential witnesses and our detectives. They instilled great confidence in us from the beginning. I am sure these hours were only a small fraction of the total hours put in.

I am sure you are aware that any murder case is an extremely difficult case, however when one is faced with the almost total destruction of physical evidence, it certainly increases that difficulty. These facts did not seem to dissuade your prosecutors in the least. This verdict could not have been reached without their passion and professionalism, as both of these qualities were abundantly on display.

The Alliance Police Department appreciates all the members of your staff and all that they do for us, however Dennis and Chryssa are and always have been two of the best trial attorneys that I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Thank you for deploying them in this case. We are all very grateful.

Sincerely,

Scott C. Griffith  
Chief of Police