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To Whom It May Concern:

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Today's media often portrays the Police in a negative manner, so I think it is important to offer another side of the picture that focuses on the professional side of being a police officer. On Wednesday, January 14, at 6:30 a.m. I was on my way to help a friend recovering from surgery get to work by driving him to his job. The weather was bad and the snow and ice removal services had not been completed. As a result, on making a turn onto Burlington Road, my van began a slide that forced my van into a culvert at a dangerously precarious angle very close to rollover. I called in the emergency and waited for the Police.

A few minutes later, Officer James Liepins (badge #111) arrived. He was very gracious and professional from the very instant he arrived. He called for a special tow truck because of the angle of the vehicle and asked me to sit in his squad vehicle to stay warm. Officer Liepins kept things calm and matter-of-fact to reduce my anxiety and stayed with me throughout the entire harrowing event. While my vehicle was slightly damaged, my psyche remained calm and intact.

I just want to say thank you to Officer Liepins and to the Campton Hills Police Department for the level of professionalism exhibited. We too often forget the kindnesses of life. That's why I feel it important to write this letter and have it shared by the members of your department.

Sincerely

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