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## Dear Bill:

This letter of support is provided to the City of Powder Springs for a Cobb Douglas Public Health Grant Application to fund a mental health clinician to support the Cobb PATH (Partnership for Assistance, Treatment and Health) program. For the past several years, Cobb County Police Department has been a part of the PATH Team responding to crisis calls in our community for those experiencing a mental health crisis. Additionally, our officers paired with clinicians make follow-up visits to help ensure patients take advantage of resources. Over time, we have been able to show a reduction in repeat emergency calls to the same locations. We have also seen a significant reduction in the number of physical arrests and instances of physical violence. The Cobb Douglas Public Safety Grant would further our efforts to expand this critical program and enable us to reach more community members in need of treatment and support. We are committed to this program and excited about the opportunity for the City of Powder Springs to join the effort.

Yours respectfully,

Robby C. Ray Chief of Staff

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