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The Honorable Gale A. Norton
Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
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Dear Secretary Norton:

Over the past several months, I have paid particular attention to the various news articles that have been published regarding the suspension and proposed termination of United States Park Police Chief Teresa Chambers. While I have not been privy to the details, I am requesting that a quick and conclusive decision be made based not only on the facts of this matter, but also on review of the qualifications which were used when Chief Chambers was selected to lead the United States Park Police.

I have known Chief Chambers for more than two decades, both on a personal as well as a professional level. I currently hold the position of President of the Greenbelt Fraternal Order Police Lodge #32, Inc. This lodge represents the rank and file membership of the Greenbelt Police Department. It was at the request of my membership that I am writing to you today. While it is unusual for my organization to show support for a police chief who is attempting to retain his or her appointed position, the membership is concerned that Chief Chambers would not be given a fair and impartial review of this matter. My members have the highest respect for Chief Chambers as being a professional in her field, as well as for the many contributions she has made to law enforcement over the past 28 years.

Throughout her lengthy career as a command officer, both for Prince George's County as well as the United States Park Police, my members have worked with Chief Chambers on multiple levels within each agency. Our agency enjoys an outstanding working relationship with the United States Park Police, and I see no reason for this to change. It is not unusual to see one agency assisting the other during the course of a normal business day. This kind of support has a direct impact, and reflects greatly on the leadership of each agency.

I am appreciative of your time and consideration of all perspectives of this matter in an effort to reach a fair and just decision. The membership of the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police is aware of the professionalism that Chief Chambers brings to the table. She has proven to be a valued asset to the law enforcement community, and she deserves a fair and impartial review.

Craig Rich

President

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