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Hello Director Berlin,

Hope you are well, and that you will excuse my tardiness!

The trip to Denver June 14 - 16, 2019 for the Restorative Justice Conference provided me with several opportunities to learn from criminal justice professionals and advocates for reform about current and emerging strategies.  Applying the alternative approaches to crime and disorder within law enforcement is  a bit of a challenge.  Connecting to other agencies that are successfully implementing positive change is extremely valuable for gaining traction here in the Chicago Police Department.

As I mentioned, the next conference will be held here in Chicago (2021).   Many of the young leaders from Chicago participated in the Denver conference and will play a major role when we host in 2021.  One of the officers from my unit, Vanessa Westley,  was recently named to the advisory board of National Association for Community & Restorative Justice.   This is not a connection that is easily made or sustained.

My goal is to continue building the capacity of CPD so that our city will be recognized as a national leader for incorporating restorative justice into policing.

Thank you very much,

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