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Dear Director Friedmann:

I am writing as a scholar who has police practice background and decades of research and published work in this area. With 19 first edition published books (some of which were translated into foreign languages like Urdu, Chinese, Hebrew, Mongolian) scores of chapters, peer reviewed articles and reports in the field of law enforcement, and more specifically 3 books dedicated to counter terrorism and 2 to leadership training. Also, as somebody who continues to be actively engaged in counter-terrorism and leadership training research and field training delivery, I feel very comfortable in writing this endorsement letter.

Modern policing and the provision of public safety is a complex task that is becoming more challenging as the scope, depth, and magnitude criminal activities, and terrorism are harder to cope with and make public safety a prime concern in modern societies. Police are increasingly losing trust in the community, suffer from budgetary challenges, and face growing numbers of opioid victims, cyber-crime, and other threats that require smart use of expensive technology. Yet it is imperative to address these challenges while maintaining civil rights and liberties as appropriate for societies that are governed by the rule of law. Agencies address these problems by learning first-hand about best practices and sources of excellence.

Police leaders and members of agency command staff continually seek access to resources of best practice and to training opportunities in addition to the standard training required by agencies, and often used as basis for accreditation. Very few such programs exist that provide domestic, national and international exchanges through a peer- to-peer approach. I, for one, appreciate the long-standing reputable track record of organizations that deliver leadership

development training with high professional standards, with innovative approaches, and with measurable value they demonstrate.

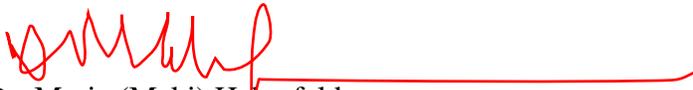
I can state, without any reservation, that such programs provide added value for the law enforcement community. One such program is the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) which has 27 years of impressive achievements offering programs in and for more than half of the 50 states and in more than 25 countries. Therefore, I am pleased to fully endorse GILEE and its program offerings.

At the same time, I reject claims that some of these professional training programs are being used to train law enforcement in tactical or military operational techniques designed to oppress and/or kill minorities. Such claims lack any basis and their inflammatory causal attribution that such training leads to deadly encounters in the United States is completely fallacious and slanderous.

I commend the numerous law enforcement agencies and their respective professional associations, as well as the private sector, along with civic and community groups, for the strong support of and cooperation with GILEE. I wish GILEE continued success in offering its professional programs and congratulate all the police leaders who benefit from it.

If you need any additional information, you can reach me at my office number: 212-237-8381 and my e-mail address is: mhaberfeld@jjay.cuny.edu.

Sincerely,



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