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Dear Dr. Friedmann:

I write to express my appreciation and support for the work that the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange has done over the years to promote and develop professional police leadership, not only in Georgia, but throughout the United States and the world. Participants in these programs acquire up-to-date knowledge from highly qualified experts in the law enforcement community. Programs are grounded in the evidence-based approach to policy development and implementation, so scientific findings are presented in ways that are most useful for law enforcement executives.

One of the fundamental principles of GILEE is that exchanging law enforcement knowledge, ideas, and experiences across states and nations is essential to the advancement of public safety and justice administration. GILEE has a very impressive record in pursuit of this principle. Hundreds of executive law enforcement training programs have served thousands of participants. In addition, GILEE has conducted special briefings, seminars, and workshops for more than 30,000 public safety and security officials from the U.S.A. and around the world. Especially noteworthy have been its offerings on security preparations for and response to terrorism.

But it is not just the scope of GILEE's law enforcement contributions that is impressive; it is also the quality and impact of those contributions. The number of awards, honors, and testimonials GILEE has received is far too long to list in its entirety here. However, it is worth noting that they come from Georgia (for example, the Governor's Public Safety Award and the GA Association of Police Chiefs, numerous state and federal public leaders), from around the United States, from federal agencies (for example, the DEA), and professional associations (National Black Law Enforcement Executives of GA). One of the past presidents of the International Association of Chiefs of Police rated GILEE "one of the best leadership development training programs globally." GILEE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Department of Treasury as a professional education training program. Testimonials come from the leadership of some of the nation's largest law enforcement agencies, as well as leaders outside the USA (for example, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Israel, and the United Kingdom – to name a few). It is not surprising then that GILEE's own university has showered it with recognition and appreciation.

In sum, GILEE has proven to serve very well the vitally important purpose of advancing high-quality law-enforcement and public safety. Georgia State University has wisely encouraged, supported, and promoted this international resource and is to be commended for doing so.

Sincerely,



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