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Rebecca Rienzi, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Rienzi:

On behalf of the Maryland State Police Education & Training Division, I want to express our appreciation to your organization for the professional and informative training on Autism Awareness to our Entry Level State Police Academy classes. While the training meets our mandated curriculum for Autism training of all Maryland State Police personnel, it provides our Troopers with a "scenario-based" training with practical application in the field.

We initially approached Pathfinders for Autism to conduct this training based on their reputation for providing expert instruction in Autism. We have continued to call on them for each subsequent Entry Level State Police Academy class because of the positive feedback we have received from candidates and MSP instructors. Trish Kane and Shelly McLaughlin provide a balance of factual information and practical tips and strategies, along with personal stories that both entertain and provoke thoughtful consideration. Our candidates leave Trish and Shelly's session with a comprehensive understanding as to why this Autism training is important and how it will play into their daily work experience.

We look forward to partnering with Pathfinders for Autism in future training opportunities and are excited to learn that you will be broadening the scope of your program to incorporate relevant considerations for other developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

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