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President Charles Gibbons
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Mr. Gibbons,

I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation for the partnership of Keiser University with the local law enforcement community.

I have seen the professional and innovative approach that the university staff applies to their criminal justice programs. This serves to well prepare their students as they seek to enter the workforce in a variety of related fields. I have made this observation over the course of my interactions with the university during the last several years. It was 5 years ago, in May 2018 that I was first afforded the opportunity to sit as a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board, and have participated with the board ever since.

As you well know, obtaining quality education and training is a necessary element of completing a long successful career in a criminal justice profession. The core delivery of information in many training environments remains traditional classroom settings. However, many training scenarios are often better delivered in a hands-on or simulated manner. We are fortunate to live in an era where the technological advancements are able to provide an array of systems to make this type of training more effective.

During my 25 years as a law enforcement officer I have seen a consistently increasing trend of criminal justice agencies utilizing simulation as a training technique. Additionally, as a commission certified instructor, utilization of simulation provides an excellent opportunity for the students to apply the information learned from classroom instruction in a safe and controlled environment.

With that being said, I support the utilization of virtual simulation training as part of the Keiser University Criminal Justice Program and believe it will be a valuable training asset

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Capt. Michael Koch".

Capt. Michael Koch