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Sherry Olsen, Vice Chancellor of On-Line Division
David Champlin, Campus President, Daytona Beach
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On behalf of the Volusia Sheriff's Office, I am drafting this letter in support of the effort being made in the appropriations committee in Tallahassee for Keiser University to purchase CH Virtual Simulation Training Systems for their campuses.

These simulators would have a dual purpose: to assist all programs leading to a career in law enforcement including Criminal Justice, Cyber Security, Crime Scene Investigation, Forensics, Accounting, Homeland Security, and Information Technology. These training simulators would enable our students to train in real-world scenarios which will aid in their decision to enter law enforcement as well as provide them with invaluable skills that can be utilized in the workforce. Keiser University would also make these simulators available to local law enforcement agencies for on-going training purposes for their sworn law enforcement officers. The acquisition of these simulators would not only allow Keiser University another opportunity to partner with our local law enforcement agencies, but it would also help ensure that our students are well-trained in all areas including verbal and written communication skills as well as critical thinking skills prior to being placed in the field.

The skills mentioned above can be beneficial within the law enforcement profession, especially for students who have a desire to enter a career in this field. Furthermore, training with these simulators provides a wonderful opportunity for local law enforcement agencies to gain recruiting options to fill vacancies within their respective organizations.

Keiser University has partnered with the Volusia Sheriff's Office in the past and has assisted me and other agency personnel in obtaining college degrees. In fact, three of the four top positions within our agency are manned by Keiser graduates. This project allows the partnership between the Volusia Sheriff's Office and Keiser University to continue forward in a positive and lasting direction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Louis Marino".

Louis Marino
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