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To Whom It May Concern,

Keiser University plays an important role in preparing students for professional careers in public safety. As the Interim Director for the Consolidated Dispatch Agency and a member of the Keiser Criminal Justice Advisory Board, it is vital that we have an available applicant pool of qualified “first, first responders” for 911 emergency telecommunications and for the “first responders” in the field that we dispatch in order to provide lifesaving services to our citizens. With a much bigger reach than just our community in Leon County, Florida, Keiser demonstrates the value of implementing both research-based and best practices education and training for their students. My relationship with Keiser began approximately seven years ago with another public safety agency through their professional internship program. Keiser interns repeatedly demonstrated both professional preparation and quality of character that matched or exceeded those of interns from the other two major universities in Tallahassee.

In addition to the great experiences with their students, I have also enjoyed working with Keiser faculty and staff who exhibit a genuine concern for their students. Unlike many programs within a university, the effort made to engage practitioners and employers within the region has created a sense of ownership and investment through their many vocation specific advisory boards. It is an effective means by which our five year old agency is able to prepare our future employees for success.

I am looking forward to continuing our relationship with Keiser and offer my support of their public safety programs without hesitation.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Mahler', is written over the word 'Sincerely'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tim Mahler, Interim Director
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