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Mayor Franklin,

As a National Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, local president for the Atlanta Police Department and a seventeen year veteran of the Atlanta Police department I wanted to express my sincere regret for the comments I made about you in our recent presentation to the City Council over the 2009/10 proposed budget on May 20th, 2009. My actions were inexcusable and certainly not what our officers and City expect from a leader in our department. Please try and understand my words were never meant to be a threat to you or your family, rather a result of frustration and anger myself and our officers are feeling over the recent events exposing how our disabled officers are being treated by the City's Risk Management Office. I spent one Friday interviewing and filming five of our catastrophically injured officers, listening to their heart-rending stories of how their lives have been turned upside down since 2004 when NovaPro and Michelle Walker took over their Worker's Compensation claims. These officers are in daily pain both physically and mentally. It is my understanding they have reached out to you in letters and even a home video produced by Retired Detective J.J. Biello. After our interviews and creation of a video by the Union, I sent you an email with a link to the video and a request for a meeting. Retired Atlanta Police Deputy Chief Louis Arcangeli did the same through an email. I would respectfully hope you and I can sit down so that I may speak to you in person to relay both my commitment to becoming a better leader and to work on a solution to ensure these heroes are treated with dignity and respect. You and I have had many discussions about our men and women in blue to resolve issues in the past and I would hope we can continue that relationship. I hope you can accept my sincere apology for my comment and be rest assured I am committed more than ever to ensure our City has a police department it can depend on and be proud of.

Yours in Solidarity,

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