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Mr. Joseph Occhipinti
Founder & Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Occhipinti:

It is an honor to join you, the Board of Directors, and my law enforcement colleagues at the National Police Defense Foundation 30th Awards Gala. The men and women of the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) appreciate organizations like the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) who have a history of supporting the law enforcement community and their families.

The NPDF 30th Awards Gala provides an opportunity for law enforcement personnel to gather and celebrate their exceptional contributions to the community. The gala also serves as an opportunity to appreciate and recognize NPDF's critical role in strengthening the partnership between the community and law enforcement as we increase our enforcement, education, and prevention strategies to save more lives.

On behalf of the New York Division, I would like to congratulate this year's award recipients and thank you again for your partnership in making communities safer and healthier.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank A. Tarentino III". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "F" and a long, horizontal line extending to the right.

Frank A. Tarentino III
Special Agent in Charge
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