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Mr. Joseph Occhipinti
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Dear Mr. Occhipinti:

On behalf of the FBI, I am pleased to congratulate you and all the members of the National Police Defense Foundation (NPDF) on your 30th Anniversary and wish you a successful celebration.

This noteworthy event will, I am sure, generate much reflection on the history and accomplishments of the NPDF, as well as its individual members past and present, whose dedicated efforts helped establish the great heritage of this organization. I also want to extend my gratitude to this year's distinguished honorees for their outstanding contributions to the law enforcement community. These patriots devoted their lives to protecting the American people and making our country a better, safer place to live, and the United States has greatly benefited from their expertise and commitment over the years. The men and women who put their lives on the line every day to defend our values deserve to be recognized for their bravery and selflessness. All of us in the Bureau understand this is a no-fail mission, and it takes collaboration between federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to ensure everyone can pursue the American dream.

I am honored to work alongside the NPDF and our exceptional law enforcement partners across the country to strengthen national security, uphold law and order, and secure a prosperous future for our children.

Sincerely yours,

Kashyap P. Patel

Director