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Hello,

I had the pleasure of working with John Patterson when I was a teacher at Oregon High School. I was working with students with disabilities and I had a student on the autism spectrum that was afraid of police officers. John worked to build a relationship with him to help him understand that police officers are people who are just trying to help keep him safe. John has strong moral character and this small act of kindness went a long way for me as a teacher. I would love to see him become the new Madison police chief knowing the efforts he puts in to building relationships with community members.

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