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Chuck Canterbury
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Dear President Canterbury,

On behalf of the citizens and deputies of St. Charles and Parishes throughout Southeast Louisiana I am writing this letter to offer you and the Fraternal Order of Police my most sincere thanks for the outpouring of support we have received in the wake Hurricane Katrina.

The efforts of the Grand Lodge, in helping to coordinate law enforcement assistance and law enforcement supplies, was of tremendous value as we struggled to rescue those imperiled by the aftermath of the storm, maintain law and order, and deliver supplies to begin the recovery process. We faced a Herculean task, but thanks to the selflessness of agencies and law enforcement officers throughout the United States we were equal to the challenge.

Hurricane Katrina devastated my State, but to have had so many officers leave their own families, their homes, and their beats to help us in a time of need was inspiring. Please convey my most heartfelt gratitude to all of your members for their help, their support, and their prayers. I look forward to seeing you again under happier circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

Greg Champagne
Sheriff, St. Charles Parish