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The Honorable Deryl Loar
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SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Sheriff Loar:

The efforts by your agency to support the Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE EH) projects in Indian River have made it a national model of success. The partnership between the Indian River County Health Department staff, and the Indian River County Sheriff's Department has yielded results that improve communities, while promoting efficiency of services between different branches of government.

The support of Detective Teddy Floyd to work with our own Julianne Price has led to community infrastructural improvements and renewed faith in the responsiveness of local government. I feel confident that these communities will also see improvements in the area of crime prevention and overall health. Detective Floyd's recent recognition by Governor Crist as a "Point of Light" was in no small part a recognition that he works in an organization that values community participation and improvement. Detective Floyd has also spoken at a state conference and assisted Ms. Price at a recent meeting with the City of Oviedo in Seminole County. Both of these were opportunities for urban planners and police officials to hear first hand how this partnership can support a community's resurgence.

Your support of the PACE EH project shows a deep understanding of what it takes to grow "smart" and address community quality of life, design, economics, environment, health, housing, and transportation. I believe there are efficiencies and cross fertilization of workforce to be gained by formalizing these kinds of collaborative efforts. Ms. Price has recently created an online presentation on the good work in your area:

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/programs/PACE%2DEH/pacepower/>

I welcome your suggestions at any time how we might best continue working together and creating healthier communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Conti".

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