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To whom it may concern:

The mission of Saving A Hero's Place, Inc., is to make sure our fallen First Responders are never forgotten. We do this by building wood honor chairs and donating them to agencies across the country. In 2013, MIT Officer Sean Collier was killed in the line of duty by the Boston bombers. Unable to sleep at home or concentrate at work, I got together with fellow officers and we decided to offer the MIT Police Department an Honor Chair to save the place of their fallen hero. In roll call/briefing rooms across the country, Police Officers sit in the same chair before every shift. When an officer makes the ultimate sacrifice, we want to make sure their legacy lives on and their place is forever saved at their agency. By building an honor chair that is personalized for the individual officer, fellow shift mates will always know that the officer is with them as they head out to protect their communities. After donating an honor chair to the MIT Police Department and seeing how much it meant to them, we decided to get together and continue to build the chairs. We founded Saving A Hero's Place, Inc. in October of 2013. We have since donated 59 chairs across the country.

The founders of our organization are all Police Officers. We all graduated from the same academy class in 2010. Two months after graduating, we lost one of our fellow classmates in the line of duty. Since then, we have lost 5 more of our officers in the line of duty. We understand the risks and sacrifices made every day across the country and we want to make sure these sacrifices are never forgotten. We want to make sure our fallen brothers and sisters always have a place at their agency.

We have been attempting to get a vehicle for a couple years now. We currently use our personal vehicles or rent a vehicle to travel across the country and here in Texas to personally deliver the chairs. A few years ago, we received a donated box trailer. Unable to pull a trailer with a rental, we've been using our personal vehicles to pull the trailer and deliver chairs. Being able to pull the trailer, allows us to deliver more chairs at one time to several agencies. If we had an SUV, we would also be able to travel with 2 or 3 chairs without pulling a trailer. We are also trying to obtain a vehicle so that we



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can have it wrapped to show the mission of our organization. We attend numerous funerals throughout the year and having our own wrapped vehicle would help get our mission out and make contacts to save the place of more fallen heroes. Our organization is funded by donations. We ask nothing from the agencies we donate honor chairs to. Citizens, fellow officers, and local small business owners often donate to our cause allowing us to offer the chairs at not cost to an agency. Having our own vehicle will give us the opportunity to make a bigger impact for our fallen first responders across the country.

Respectfully,

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