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Dear David:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your diligent efforts with the handgun transition for the Knoxville Police Department over the past several months. Your personal attention to this project has been a major benefit to us as we have proceeded through the process. You have been patient and understanding throughout the political wrangling that was required, and even during the media attention that was brought about due to the unexpected impact that this change brought about in our region and quite frankly throughout the Country. While we knew we were making a vital decision that would impact our operations, we did not anticipate the attention this would get. However, your excellent care and commitment made this important move a very positive experience.

My desire since being given the honor to lead the Knoxville Police Department is to provide our officers with the best equipment for them to do the most difficult job in the world, to protect our citizens. This desire led me to the decision to review our weapons and determine if we had the best option available. During this assessment we determined that we did not and that we needed to find out what would work best for our agency. Your expertise and experience were important and valued as we went through the decision making process on what weapon we would ultimately choose. Our choice of the Sig Sauer system was grounded in the reputation of the company and the handgun. The quality of the firearm is above reproach and the enhancement of the relationship that we get with Elmer Arms South as our partner in the system is amazing. Our choice of both the 1911 .45 caliber and the P220R .45 caliber has set a new bar for our department firearms program and has garnered the attention of my peers. We are confident that we made the right decision to transition to the Sig Sauer System and know that it is the right choice for us going into the future. We look forward to a long and successful relationship with you and Sig Sauer.

Respectfully,

David B. Rausch
Chief of Police