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Dear Special Agent Tuner:

I wanted to thank you for making it possible for Special Agent Brian Brentson to come to Minnesota to testify in our trial. The defendant was charged with transporting over 25 pounds of methamphetamine from California to Minnesota and receiving over \$25,000 of drug money through Western Union. SA Brentson testified as an expert witness, and the jury found the defendant guilty on all counts.

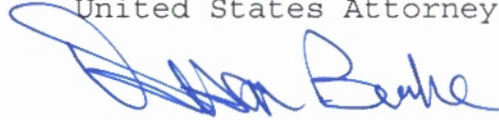
SA Brentson was wonderful to work with. He traveled to Minnesota early, which made it possible for him to become very familiar with the specific facts of our case, which in turn enhanced his testimony. It also made it easier for me, because I could meet him on Saturday before trial on Monday, instead of on Sunday. Although it sounds like a small thing, that was a tremendous help to my preparation.

SA Brentson's testimony was outstanding. He was concise, easy to understand, and artfully weaved in facts from our case into his testimony. His testimony was so persuasive that I made several references to it in my closing argument to the jury.

Thank you so much for allowing SA Brentson to assist us. You are very lucky to have such a talented agent in your office. Please pass along my great appreciation to SA Brentson for his help.

Sincerely,

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