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Sheri Townsend
Commissioner
Department of Youth and Family Services
175 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

Dear Ms. Townsend:

I am writing to share my gratitude with you for the wonderful presentations that Ron Barrett gave to my Crisis Intervention classes on two separate occasions. I invited Mr. Barrett to be a guest speaker in one of my classes last month. His presentation was wonderful. Many of the students later remarked on what a powerful and informative addition to the class it had been. They felt that their newly gained knowledge of gang activity in the Capital region would be a great help in their future and current social work careers. A few short weeks later, I invited Mr. Barrett to guest speak in another one of my classes and he graciously accepted on very short notice. Once again, his presentation was greatly appreciated by both myself as well as my students. I'm sure you know what talented people you have working for you, but I thought I'd let you know that those in the community appreciate their work as well.

Sincerely,

Starr Wood
Assistant Professor, School of Social Welfare

Cc: Ron Barrett