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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a sworn law enforcement officer, a pastor and a chaplain for the United States Secret Service, the Illinois State Police, and the Bolingbrook Police department. I have seen first-hand the struggles our law enforcement officers are facing. They have higher rates of divorce, stress, substance abuse and suicide than the general public. Between 7-19% of police officers have symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

I formed Blue Line Ministries to help address some of the issues officers are facing. I believe Hero's Rest has a similar burden to mine and I am excited about working with them. Reverend Ryan Hatch's vision of a safe and quiet place where officers can get away and rest and heal is exactly what law enforcement needs. Blue Line Ministries runs retreats for law enforcement and has had a hard time finding appropriate locations to hold their retreats. A dedicated retreat center/campground would be a wonderful resource that Blue Line Ministries would utilize along with many other agencies and individuals.

I encourage you to support Hero's Rest with prayer and financial support. Our law enforcement community sacrifices so much to serve us. I think it is appropriate that we give back to them.

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