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Mike Lasnier, Chief of Police

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Dear N.R.A.,

This letter is in support of the attached grant for the Bainbridge Island Sportsman's Club. We are currently forced to use range facilities that are a substantial distance from our home agency. The Bainbridge Island Sportsmen's Club is within 10 minutes of our station, and we would be highly interested and likely to use their facilities if the listed improvements were made to their facilities. Such a change in range facilities would allow us to use our training time shooting, rather than commuting. We would gain 2 hours of training time per firearms training day, for all of our 16 officers.

Our department maintains a Tactical Tracking Team, which conducts tracking operations for armed, dangerous fugitives, as well as participating in regional operations against Mexican Mafia marijuana grows in rural parts of our State. We need to maintain a high degree of proficiency with our patrol rifles, and would love to utilize the B.I. Sportsmen's club for that use. The improvements to the rifle range would be needed for us to use the facility.

Regarding the moving target system on the Shotgun Range, we are also highly interested in that. We have migrated many of our shotguns to a "less lethal" program, where they are used to fire specialty impact munitions, and soon will probably be using TASER 12 gauge projectiles. Targets addressed under these conditions are frequently moving, and officers will need to be able to practice successfully addressing moving targets to be successful with their shotgun.

With the listed changes made to this facility, it would go to the top of our list for desirable facilities for our department firearms training.

Sincerely,

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