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Mr. Colin Goddard
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Dear Mr. Goddard:

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to serve as the keynote speaker for the 2011 National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Section's All-Hands Conference on August 10, 2011. It was truly a pleasure to provide you and your father with an overview of the NICS and a tour of the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division facility in Clarksburg, West Virginia. Your presentation affirms the role the NICS Section plays in the furtherance of public safety and national security. Many of the comments proffered by the employees of the NICS Section since the conference have been overwhelmingly positive and uplifting, including:

- *"Mr. Goddard was a great choice. The employees need to realize how important their job is."*
- *"I really enjoyed hearing him speak. Made you step back and think about how much we actually can make a difference."*
- *"I think sometimes employees of the NICS need to hear just how important our mission is and the need for change that may one day prevent what happened at Virginia Tech from happening again."*
- *"After listening to Mr. Goddard, I felt even more proud of the job I perform each day!"*

As you can gather from the comments received, the staff of the NICS Section was touched by your personal story of tragedy and courage and greatly inspired by your ability to use the experience in a positive way to make a difference. Thank you again for providing the NICS Section with such a moving presentation.

Sincerely yours,

Amy C. Blasher
Acting NICS Section Chief
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