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Sheriff Jeremy Shipley
Freestone County Sheriff's Office
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Dear Sheriff Shipley:

I know your department has been under a great deal of pressure in recent weeks, and I want you to know that I understand the weight of what you and your deputies are carrying. An officer-involved shooting is hard on everyone involved — the deputy, the families, and the community. I keep you, your deputies, and the entire Sheriff's Office in my prayers. If there is ever anything I can do to support your department, please keep me in mind.

I'm dropping off a short package of materials. Because you and I have always been able to talk straight with each other, I wanted to give you a clear list of what is in the envelope and why.

What's in the package:

1. Letter on automated license plate readers (Flock / ALPR) and related surveillance technology. I am asking the Commissioners Court for a clear, published County policy so citizens know whether these tools are in use and under what rules. I support good law enforcement and simply want transparency and written safeguards.

2. Formal Public Information Act request directed to your office for any contracts, policies, or records related to ALPR systems and body-worn camera policy.

3. Copy of a letter to the Court on transparency, public access to minutes and financial reports, and victim-advocacy capacity. Your deputies are often the first people a victim meets, so I wanted you to be aware this is part of the discussion. You are included as a close copy for awareness only.

4. Copy of a letter asking the County Judge to lead a countywide conversation on healthcare and the hospital districts. Included for your information. I believe you could play a pivotal role if the county moves toward a more coordinated approach to healthcare and EMS services. Your standing in the community and your proven commitment to the people of Freestone County would go a long way in helping explain and build support for such a concept.

None of this is meant as criticism of you or your department. I respect the job you and your deputies do every day. My goal is clear public policy that protects both public safety and the privacy expectations of the people we serve.

I'm happy to visit with you anytime if you have questions. Thank you for your continued service to Freestone County.

Respectfully,

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