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Dear Tom Chambers, Valeri Niemiec, Pat Carney, Bob Press, Jim Jensen, Sean Marhofer, Jess Marhofer

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out on behalf of the Village of Pinckney to explore the possibility of Putnam Township partnering with us on a shared police millage.

We believe this could be a strong and cost-effective public safety partnership for both of our communities. By working together, the Township could avoid the ongoing expense of contracting with the County Sheriff for patrol services—currently for 40 hours per week—while gaining more consistent, locally focused police coverage.

A joint millage would allow us to:

- Keep public safety dollars local and use them more efficiently.
- Provide dedicated patrol coverage tailored to the specific needs of our communities.
- Improve response times and officer familiarity with local roads and neighborhoods.
- Increase visibility and community policing efforts.
- Offer more flexibility in patrol priorities and scheduling.
- Maintain predictable, long-term public safety costs.

Our goal is not only to reduce costs but to improve the overall level of service for residents and businesses in both the Township and the Village through collaboration and shared planning.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss this idea further, answer any questions, and explore whether this approach could align with Putnam Township's public safety goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of working together.

Sincerely,

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