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Dear MCO Member:

Over the last year or so, you completed an MCO "survey" and indicated you would volunteer to help MCO lobby lawmakers through communication or meetings --- either in the district, or at the capitol. Thank you! As we face even more challenges from the Department and lawmakers, we need to work together more than ever.

Perhaps you have attended an MCO "town hall" in your area. We have arranged several and I am so proud that MCO members have turned out to educate lawmakers about the tough job you do every single day. I constantly hear positive comments from legislators who've attended and prompted some to even tour a prison. Our combined efforts have increased their appreciation of your professionalism and given a glimpse to the stress and danger of the job.

We are going to continue town hall meetings but would also like to raise the bar so that we can influence lawmakers even more. At times we will arrange smaller groups, both in the district and in the capitol. To maximize the impact of these types of meetings, it's always better to have in attendance, MCO members who are their actual constituents, and mostly from the same political party as well.

I am asking you to "self-identify" which political party you tend to lean towards, so that MCO can be more persuasive when we meet with lawmakers and candidates. This question is only being presented to members who have voluntarily indicated in the MCO survey that they would like to help by meeting and talking to lawmakers. By identifying yourself, we will know more readily who to call to see if you're available to participate in a targeted effort.

We need everyone in these challenging times---Democrats, Republicans and Independents. Would you fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return in the provided stamped envelope? Please do it right now!

Again, thank you for all you do and for your participation. Strength comes from unity.

Fraternally,

Mel Grieshaber
MCO Executive Director

Please circle the one (1) category below that most closely aligns with your voting pattern. *Only check one!*

1. *Always* vote Republican.
2. *Usually* vote for a Republican, but will occasionally vote for another party based on unique candidate or reason.
3. *Independent* voter, but probably vote for more Republicans than Democrats.
4. *Truly Independent*, vote for the candidate and issues regardless of party. Have voted for Democrats, Republicans and Independents.
5. *Independent* voter, but probably vote for more Democrats than Republicans.
6. *Usually* vote for a Democrat, but will occasionally vote for another party based on unique candidate or reason.
7. *Always* vote Democrat.

Please confirm your contact information, including your personal e-mail address and your primary phone number:

Printed Name _____

Personal Email (not work) _____

Primary Phone (not work) _____