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Honorable Joseph Peterson  
Mayor  
City of Wyandotte  
3200 Biddle Ave  
Wyandotte, Mi 48192

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MAYOR'S OFFICE**

Re: Team Effort

I have spent a great deal of my time over the last two days driving around the city of Wyandotte in these very challenging weather conditions. While I may be biased in my opinion, I know I have been blessed with the most committed and dedicated Postal workforce in this area. During this past week and a half, the postal workers at the Wyandotte, Southgate and Riverview Post Offices have come to work, every day, in the most difficult of times, to make sure that their customers were given the quality of service they deserve. I am most proud to be their boss.

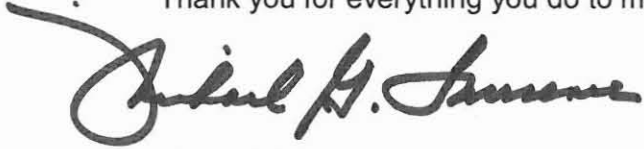
However, what opened my eyes during these past two days is not just what my employees do for their customers, but also what the Public Service employees do to help the residents of Wyandotte and my city carriers. Plows were in the streets early Monday morning making it so much easier for the residents to maneuver and for my carriers to find parking spots where they wouldn't get stuck. It made a very, very difficult day so much easier because of the dedication and commitment of your Public Service employees. Please send them my appreciation for their efforts.

The residents of Wyandotte also deserve a tremendous thank you for their efforts in cleaning their sidewalks just hours after all the snow hit. I have worked in many cities in my 37 year career and there isn't another city like Wyandotte where the residents truly think of their letter carrier before they think of themselves. In my travels on Monday and Tuesday, my carriers had nothing but praise for their customers who cleared their sidewalks early enough to make the best of a bad situation for their letter carrier. I observed neighbors helping neighbors, senior citizens that had no business shoveling snow, doing it anyway.

While I am the Postmaster of Wyandotte, Southgate and Riverview, I am also a resident of Wyandotte. This past week and half has been a total team effort of city employees, postal employees and Wyandotte residents coming together for the benefit of all. The Postal Service cannot be successful if the residents and city workers aren't in it together with us.

There are times we don't appreciate the things we have until situations like this occur. You, too, can be most proud of your city employees as well as the residents you are responsible for. You truly have something special here, something most cities can only dream of.

Thank you for everything you do to make the city of Wyandotte what it is today.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael G. Taurence". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Michael G. Taurence  
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