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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greeting to all gathered for the 2010 Awards Dinner of the National Police Defense Foundation.

New Yorkers admire the high degree of commitment maintained by law enforcement communities throughout the world, as they are the faithful protectors of freedom-loving and peaceful societies. Formed out of respect for those in uniform, your Foundation derives its strength from a loyal base of supporters nationwide and in twelve other countries. Through an extensive range of programs, including medical and legal counseling, those employed in various areas of police work receive valuable assistance and life-enhancing services for their family members.

As individuals with a shared commitment and concern for our law enforcement system, you take this opportunity to honor several distinguished community leaders and public servants for their professional achievements and personal excellence in upholding your Foundation's mission. I am pleased to join with you in congratulating the Honorable Peter King, the Honorable Kathleen M. Rice, Detective John F. Bourges (Ret), Tony Navarro, Shepherd Smith, and Michael Rosato on receiving these prestigious awards acknowledging their dedication to the purpose and well-being of individuals who comprise the proud ranks of law enforcement.

Tonight also focuses special attention on youth by raising support for the Foundation's "Operation Kids" program – a wonderful initiative that keeps many children safe and provides others who are critically ill with life-saving medical care. Your entire membership is applauded for their efforts on behalf of our citizens as well as those who "serve and protect," as such excellence certainly inspires each of us.

With my warmest regards and best wishes for an enjoyable and successful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Paterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David A. Paterson