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Mr. Joseph Occhipinti  
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Dear Mr. Occhipinti:

On behalf of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), please accept my thanks for the support you and your organization gave to the Bureau and ATF Special Agent William Clark during his trial in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

I know that you join me in lauding the judge's decision to acquit Special Agent Clark of all charges arising from a September 7, 2008, incident. The facts of the case are familiar to all of us: Special Agent Clark was confronted by a violent assailant outside his home and took immediate action to defend the victim of a domestic violence situation and himself.

The efforts you and the members of your organization have made to support the Bureau and our agent throughout this lengthy ordeal have brought enormous encouragement to everyone at ATF.

Thank you again for your support of Special Agent Clark and your continued support of ATF.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth E. Melson  
Acting Director