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**RE: Letter of Endorsement for Tom Knight
For Sarasota County Sheriff**

Dear Tom:

It is with great pleasure that I formally endorse your candidacy for Sheriff of Sarasota County. This decision was easily made, based on your high ethics and integrity, coupled with your leadership experience in law enforcement. This community needs a person with your fiscal responsibility to manage our community's major law enforcement agency. If there is anything I can do to further assist you in your campaign for Sheriff, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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