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City of Gainesville/Public Safety Committee
City Hall 200 E. University Ave.
Gainesville , FL 32601

Dear Madams and Sirs:

I'm writing you today concerning your June 16th ruling to not allow my long time employee, Mr. Otto Ingram, to continue working recovery on vehicle accidents for the Gainesville police department.

To start, I would just like to make a few points regarding the new rule adopted by the department concerning convicted felons. I feel that the company's should be responsible for their drivers individually. And I'm not sure why a felon could not be allowed to do this type of job, it's more matter of common sense. In my company's case, Mr. Ingram has been driver on rotation calls(F.H.P.rotation included) for no less than twenty years,.As a matter of fact, I have had only good comments and correspondence for Mr. Ingram as we are also on rotation for the Florida Highway Patrol in which Mr. Ingram is my primary driver. He also, as I'm sure your aware, works for the state of Florida, and they have only tried to help him through the incident (charge), you are concerned with at the present. In as much as Mr. Ingram has been working with G.P.D. and F.H.P. already for all these years without , I might add, one single complaint or incident, maybe you could see fit to allow him to be "Grandfathered " into this new program . As I mentioned, he's been working accidents for the department for quite some time now.

If this rule is to be kept, maybe you could consider Two - Five years (these should be looked at on an individual basis) instead of Ten years.

I urge you you to please reconsider this ruling, Mr. Ingram is a good man and we all could benefit having more employees such as he.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

Larry W. Trotter - C.E.O./ Owner