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To Whom It May Concern:

Last week trying to avoid the endless traffic jam on the road through Frisco to Breckenridge (where I live), I used the second Frisco exit from I-70 West and used the back road (I think it's Granite). I was trying to see if that road was correct to join the main road to Breckenridge. Suddenly I noticed a police car behind me and flashing lights. I was not sure why because I am cautious about stop signs. In any case, the policeman told me of my violations and, of course, I believed him. I am 78 years of age now and have near perfect record for traffic violations. I think I have one traffic violation 25 years ago in Denver for making a left turn from the middle lane. But because I was trying to see if Granite connected to the road to Breckenridge, I failed my driving record as the Police Officer explained.

But the purpose of this letter is to thank Officer Ryan Smith for being so courteous and understanding. The encounter was actually the first with a police officer since the unfortunate troubles of this summer in so many American cities over issues of police behavior. As a physician, I have the highest respect and gratitude of police officers who often make decisions that save lives. I thought the Frisco Police Department should know of my experience with Officer Ryan Smith and thanking him again.

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