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Mr. Shawn Foutch
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Dear Mr. Foutch:

I am writing today to express my sincerest apologies for the performance of members of the Washington State Patrol (WSP) regarding the incident of August 12, 2022. Not only were you involved in a collision caused by a WSP trooper, a WSP sergeant wrongfully had you charged with an infraction as the causing driver. The injuries to your person and your truck were then compounded by the potential harm to your reputation and good standing as a professional driver.

Sir, this should have never happened. The actions were not only reprehensible, but beneath the standards and expectations of the agency. I want you to know the sergeant no longer serves in the Washington State Patrol or in any other law enforcement capacity. Also, others involved in the incident whose actions varied from policy and practice have been reprimanded and/or retrained.

Speaking for the entire Washington State Patrol, we wish you well going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Batiste".

CHIEF JOHN R. BATISTE

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