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Mr. Harry Crouch  
President, National Coalition for Men  
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Dear Mister Crouch:

I am writing in response to a letter you sent to the District Attorney's Office regarding a training video that was prepared with the assistance of this office called Domestic Violence: You Make the Difference. The training video was prepared to train police officers and detailed their responsibilities in conducting domestic violence investigations.

After viewing the video, you raised a number of concerns in your letter and asked that we meet to discuss the issue. After a productive discussion, the main issue that you presented was that the video contained statistics that could not be verified. I offered to research the cited statistics, and if they were not accurate, to determine a way to correct the video.

My research determined that you were correct in that some of the statistics could not be verified. Because of that, I had the video edited to remove all of the quoted statistics. I gave you a copy of the edited video, have replaced the older version with the newer one throughout the District Attorney's Office, and am sending replacement videos to all of local law enforcement agencies that received the original version.

Thank you for raising the issue, being willing to take the time to sit down and discuss the matter, and allowing me the opportunity to correct the situation. As a public servant, I like to think that we are open to constructive criticism, and are flexible enough to find a way to solve problems. I look forward to speaking with you again in the future and thanks again for your input.

Sincerely,



Patrick McGrath