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Dear Dr. Kalmanoff:

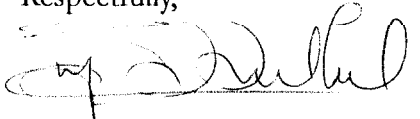
I hope this letter finds you and the staff at ILP well. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the outstanding work you put forth coordinating the Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Nexus steering committee. Initially, I was a bit skeptical about our group building consensus on effective strategies to employ as we would attempt to glean critical information at our multi-disciplinary forums throughout the state. The professional manner in which you facilitated the steering committee is commendable. You skillfully managed the committee on a strict timeline without sacrificing the productivity. The public hearings/forums were a product of this very diverse committee coming together.

I was able to attend all but one of the forums. Once again your mastery at facilitation and extracting ideas from focus groups kept us on schedule and within the parameters of the agenda. There were so many experts participating in each of the events that the task of compiling the information seemed overwhelming. I was both amazed and proud when I read the draft of your report. The report speaks volumes on your ability to synthesize the ideas delivered at these gatherings.

Having just completed reading the final report, I am reminded that a small group of individuals with effective facilitation can come together and produce something that is useful and beneficial to the larger community. I credit the success of the Child Abuse/Domestic Violence Nexus Steering Committee to your work. I am grateful to OCJP for having the insight to have selected such a talented team as yours.

It is my hope that we will have the opportunity to work on future projects. Having worked with your team inspires me to demand excellence from consultants. I sincerely thank you for your dedication to our project.

Respectfully,



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