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Mildred Muhammad
Executive Director,
After the Trauma, Inc.

Dear Mildred:

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I can't thank you enough for taking the time and coming to Albany, New York to speak at our Second Annual New York Statewide Conference on VINE on April 18, 2008. You set the tone for the conference. You made us reflect on what we are doing and what we should be doing on behalf of Victims of Crime.

Let me share with some of the quotes that were written on our conference evaluations. The rating of "5" was excellent and it was recorded on everyone of the evaluations that were returned. The following are but a few of the comments that were received.

"Very interesting story on a national level that I am surprised the media did not lead more into it. Glad VINE is in touch assisting Mrs. Muhammad."

"Mildred's speech was a real eye opener. It is a shame that her story was not known – that was the real news strong coverage."

"I would have liked a copy of the article that was on the screen regarding Mrs. Muhammad."

"She was absolutely amazing. It was great that she could speak of her trauma. A great example of many lost opportunities to offer much needed service."

"Should motivate us all to work together to respond in a timely manner with information."

"Very inspiring."

"She was excellent. It is important to hear from victims as to how the system has helped."

“The survivor’s strength is appreciated. Her willingness to share her story so we can hear someone else should be applauded.”

“WOW! This woman’s story needs to be nationally known.”

“ Great realistic link to the issues.”

In closing, I appreciate everything you did to help us make this a successful conference. Best wishes to you with your new agency, “After the Trauma, Inc.”

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund B. Wutzer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "E".

EDMUND B. WUTZER
Director, Victim Notification Services

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