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First Responders Tournament Committee  
5105 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Arlington, VA 22207

Dear First Responders Tournament Committee Board of Directors,

Thank you for the generous grant for our Wounded Warrior Programs. The \$2000.00 grant to Wintergreen Adaptive Sports (WAS) enables our organization to provide a Wounded Warriors Ski Weekend as well as ongoing ski and paddling lessons for veterans living with a disability. The First Responders Cup supports our work to improve the lives of those Americans that lay their life on the line on behalf of all of us.

A past Wounded Warrior ski program participant and now Wintergreen Adaptive Sports PSIA Level 1 instructor, CPT. (Ret.) Matthew Staton, said, "This program gave me the opportunity to expand my possibilities in outdoor recreation and in giving back to my fellow veterans. I did not ski prior to returning from war and now I ski and I show them you do not have to be limited by your disabilities and can be known by your abilities." Staton was injured in many combat encounters in Iraq in 2004 and despite his resulting disabilities he is a role model for everyone in the Wintergreen Adaptive Sports community.

I assumed the role of Executive Director on December 1, 2012. I look forward to working with you in the future and extend an invitation for you to visit our program anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren Ball", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Darren Ball

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