To: Judge Marc T. Rothenberg,

Perry was first a son raised by a single mother he loved and respected - even more so as he witnessed the issues of single moms he encountered on the job. Next he became a soldier proudly serving his country for 10 years and fulfilling his first dream. While in the Army, we met and married and he then started pursuing his next dream of becoming a police officer which he did in my hometown and his birthplace - Indianapolis. After more than 20 years of being a devoted and decorated officer, he wasn't yet ready to retire, but new dreams were forming for a life in retirement. He had always hoped like most officers to retire without any serious injuries and without having to ever even discharge his weapon let alone ever seriously hurt or take a life. Those hopes were dashed by one person's disrespect for the life and safety of others and the disobedience of police officers' commands. Perry's heroic actions stopped a murderer, but at too high a price.

More than one life was taken when Perry was murdered. Parts and pieces of many lives were forever shaken and lost - futures destroyed and mangled beyond repair.

Perry was my best friend, confidant, soul mate and love of my life. He was ripped from me leaving a huge painful void that will never fully heal or be filled. We had 26 years together, exactly one half of his life. So much less than we deserved, leaving undone so much more we wanted to do.

Perry touched and impacted the lives of so many that they too were left with holes. For the rest of our lives none of us will get a reprieve from the pain of losing him or what could have been if he was still here.

It is impossible to know how many others Perry would have served, helped and saved if he had the chance, but knowing him it would have been so many more.

His murderer should never have any freedom for what he has done and should soon to be forgotten.

Even with continued grief and struggles, life has and will continue to go on. I will do the best to try to fill it with some purpose, but it will never be what should have been. With all those that loved and respected Perry, we will remember and honor him for the rest of our lives. I'm comforted to know that when I am gone, he will still be remembered for his sacrifice because he is among those courageous never ever to be forgotten brothers and sisters in blue.

Sincerely,

Lynn Renn
Surviving Wife of IMPD Officer Perry W. Renn, EOW 7/5/2014