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Subject: THANK YOU

Good Evening, Ma'am!

Thanks very much for your email and I do apologize for being unable to attend the last Veterans Quarterly. A little blood clot detoured me for a few days, but we're back at it now.

Veterans Helping Veterans USA is respectfully requesting a vehicle (or vehicles) to utilize while conducting official business. Currently, we use our privately owned vehicles to transport Veterans to appointments and other destinations, pick up and drop off supplies and more. We are forced to forego many opportunities at securing household donations and other items requiring a box truck as our limited funds do not permit us to purchase one.

On occasions, we have rented a U-Haul to clear out a home. This is not only costly, but it also does not bear the appearances of an established organization. One case in point was last year's Bring the Harvest Home. The other non-profits had company box trucks to use to load up and transport the thousands of pounds of donated food. We had part time employees using their own pickup trucks circling the Square and driving back and forth from downtown to VHV. Although our part timers were eager to help, I cannot imagine the liability they (or us) would incur if involved in a motor vehicle crash.

Based on the foregoing and the attached letter presented to the Marion County Board of County Commissioners, it is respectfully requested that Veterans Helping Veterans USA be considered for a vehicle (or vehicles) donation. A super perfect world scenario would be a donation of a vehicle and a box truck. Thank you, in advance, for any consideration given this matter.

If additional information is desired, please do not hesitate to contact me and I shall furnish it without delay.

Respectfully Yours,

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