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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF  
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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May 14, 2024

Dear Paul,

I am writing to express the San Juan County Sheriff's Office's continued support for the 'Don't Meth with Us' program in San Juan County. As a Sheriff, I recognize the critical importance of early intervention and education in combating the devastating effects of drug abuse, particularly in our youth.

Methamphetamine abuse poses a significant threat to the well-being and prospects of individuals, families, and communities. Its harmful effects extend far beyond the individual user, impacting social dynamics, academic performance, and overall community health. Therefore, it is imperative that we equip our children with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to make informed decisions and resist the pressures associated with substance abuse.

Introducing drug prevention programs, such as "Don't Meth with Us" in elementary schools presents a proactive approach to addressing this issue at its roots. By instilling the principles of drug awareness, resilience, and healthy decision-making early on, we can empower our students to navigate peer influences and external pressures with confidence and conviction. Moreover, 'Don't Meth with Us' serves as a platform for open dialogue, encouraging students to ask questions, express concerns, and seek support when needed. We are thankful to have such a resource in our community to guide our children to a path of success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Shane Ferrari".

Sheriff R. Shane Ferrari  
San Juan County, N.M.

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