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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you so much for your talk to our club. The disappointing reality that you were faced with—disrespect, harassment and discrimination— makes the work you did in your career even more impressive. Nobody should have to face the obstacles you did, but your determination in the face of that adversity is one of the reasons why things are improving.

I was most impressed with the way you managed to maintain a stubborn optimism in the face of your treatment. The positive approach you took did not seem to stem from being ignorant of or naïve to the attitudes of those you worked with, or a dismissal of the existence of barriers, but an expectation that there was a path forward, no matter how difficult things were.

I appreciate the time you took to speak to us and, more than that, the work you did over your history of service in the police force to shift the narrative and change the perceptions of women working in a difficult and dangerous field. The club was very lucky to have had the benefit of your talk.

Thank you again,

Mike Finke



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