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Public Safety Professionals:

In a recent community message, I pointed out that written in stone across the front of the Maricopa County Courthouse is the statement, "The first duty of society is justice." And while thousands of people pass under these words every day, few stop to think about how important these words are to our democracy. During times of uncertainty, it becomes more important than ever that the criminal justice system has the ability to protect the community from those who seek to do harm.

It is not lost on me the sacrifices each of you are making in an ongoing effort to keep our County safe. The residents of Maricopa County can be proud of the work being done to respond and react to this constantly changing situation. Whether you are a law enforcement officer, firefighter, corrections/detention, emergency medical services, communications operators or support personnel, we are proud to be your partner; not just today but every day. It is with my sincerest gratitude and appreciation that I say **THANK YOU** for your ongoing, dedicated service to uphold the oath to serve and protect all in our community. Stay safe and healthy!

Best,

Allister Adel
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