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Gustavo Chavez
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Dear Mr.Chavez:

On October 6, 2006, at approximately 4:40 p.m., a citizen was severely injured by an MTA commuter bus, as he exited the bus on Manchester and Avalon. The citizen apparently had stumbled into the path of the moving bus, when he was subsequently struck by that same bus. After the citizen was struck by the bus, the bus operator failed to stop to provide aid to the injured citizen, who was left helplessly in the roadway. Upon witnessing this horrific incident, you immediately attempted to stop the bus operator who had fled the scene. You demonstrated initiative and concern for the injured citizen, when you continued to follow the fleeing vehicle. In your efforts to follow the fleeing vehicle, you were able to identify the bus operator, who subsequently stopped the bus and was detained by police personnel. You are commended by the Los Angeles Police Department for initiative and providing police assistance to a fellow citizen.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM J. BRATTON
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