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Dear Bill:

In follow up to our earlier conversation, the prosecutors' contract expires at the end of this year.

In pursuing the renewal, I offer the most recent case numbers from the Clerk of Courts office. These numbers represent total cases filed, not the total cases that come through our office. However, a review of the numbers from 2015 through 2017 demonstrate an increase of 13-29% in traffic cases and an increase of 6-14% in criminal cases.

	2016		2017		2018 (to date)	
	TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL	TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL	TRAFFIC	CRIMINAL
BARBERTON	1854	1291	1841	1463	2436	1108
GREEN	2354	637	3034	678	1280	454
NEW FRANKLIN	342	226	410	231	273	190
NORTON	1919	485	1841	454	1245	331
CLINTON	9	8	52	7	29	10
COPLY	852	202	869	310	480	271
COVENTRY	747	364	674	317	426	247

You may not be aware that in 2017, the prosecutors throughout Summit County, both municipal and county, collaborated to purchase a prosecutorial software system. The Summit County Prosecutor's office led the project after receiving a victim-focused grant. The software will allow for "paperless" files for prosecution.

In fact, within the Barberton Prosecutor's office, Barberton, Norton and Copley Police Departments (those served by the Southwest Summit Communications Council of Governments) are nearly operating at a paperless level. For example: discovery is accomplished through email with defense attorneys; videos are viewed by a link to an outside vendor that stores the police department's body camera video; police reports are transferred from the officer's mobile data terminals in their cruisers to our office. Certainly, there are exceptions to the "paperless" case file, as each case is unique and presents with unique circumstances and evidence.

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However, this is not available for cases from the City of Green.

In addition to the "paperless" opportunities, the software will also allow our office to compile and provide the City of Green with statistical information that was never before available. We will be able to provide a breakdown of cases by type of offense, criminal, traffic, and specific defendant. For example, to date our office has prosecuted 205 cases on behalf of the City of Green. That number constitutes 21% of the total number of cases prosecuted by our office.

Of course such improvements and opportunities come with costs. We have experienced the implementation cost (\$12,750) and equipment costs (\$5400.00). In addition, we will incur the ongoing subscription cost, which is \$16,320 for 2018.

I suggest we enter into an additional three-year contract with an increase of 5% each year. I have enclosed a draft agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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