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SELFRIDGE ANGB, MICHIGAN**

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Colonel Michael T. Thomas
127th Wing Commander
29553 George Avenue
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Mr. Hugh Oldham
Pro Air Show, LLC
307 West Fredericks Street
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Dear Mr. Oldham,

Please accept my sincerest thank you for playing such a critical role during and after the tragic accident that occurred during the Selfridge Air National Guard Base Air Show. The entire Selfridge team is very appreciative of the calm professional manner in which you handled the mishap. Your experience kept the crowd calm in the face of such a horrendous event. Your immediate actions allowed the Wing leadership the time to handle the mishap appropriately.

Additionally, you provided wise counsel in how the team needed to proceed with the remainder of the show. You assisted in separating the acts that would be directly affected by the accident from those that would be able to safely perform. This allowed the guests at Selfridge to leave the air show on a positive note.

Again, thank you for your expertise and for being such a crucial member of the Selfridge air show team! We were truly fortunate to have you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M T Thomas".

MICHAEL T. THOMAS, Col, MI ANG
Commander