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Governor Stark
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

I want to take this opportunity to compliment you on your stand regarding the Kansas City Missouri Police Department.

I am a business man in Kansas City, Kansas and live in Wyandotte County, R.R. #1. I had just completed a street lighting job at Lees Summit, Missouri and I went out there on the night of April 3rd, 1939, to the council meeting for the approval of my contract. On the way back through Kansas City, Missouri on 50 Highway I could not tell where the east city limits were as it was dark and raining. There were no street lights or houses to identify to me that I was inside of Kansas City, Missouri city limits. I was traveling 37 miles per hour when a police car, which was hidden on the city limits line with no license plate on the car, picked me up and arrested me. When we arrived at the police station they asked me if I had \$25.00 on my person and I told them no. Then they asked me how much I had and I said about \$20.00, so they took the \$20.00. I tryed to explain that I was a stranger in that part of town and did not know I had entered the city limits but they would not listen to this. They told me to appear the next morning before Judge Holland, but instead of going I am writing to you because it is generally known and common

gossip that a Kansas City Kansas resident gets no consideration there and probably if I went it would be \$25.00 to \$50.00 fine instead of \$20.00. I am enclosing receipt they gave to me to confirm my statements.

I realize that there must be a curb on speeders and being 40 years old and having a family I can realize the seriousness of same, but, I do believe the conditions and location of such violations should be considered. You can readily see anyone who does not live in the vicinity

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where they arrested me would not know at night and in the rain that they were inside of the city limits. That is the reason the police car was hidden in this location because most everyone would be driving there just as I was.

I am not asking for any favors and do not expect any, but I do admire your stand in regard to conditions in Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

W. T. Foley Electric Co.

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