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**Indianapolis Metropolitan  
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RE: Religious promotion in government email

Dear Mr. Jayne:

You recently contacted the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) expressing concerns regarding the use of government email to promote religion. Although I understand your concerns, please understand Chief Roach neither intended to promote religion, nor create division within the community. In his view, the plain language of the verse created guidance or understanding for the specific goal of the event at IPS School 54. On the contrary, Chief Roach is committed to fostering an atmosphere of inclusion and tolerance.

That being said, Chief Roach understands, sadly, that religion may be a divisive subject. Further, he understands the legal principles that prohibit the promotion of religious messages on the government's behalf. You have his assurance that future emails sent from his official government email address will not include religious references.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (317) 327-2710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melissa L. Coxey".

Melissa L. Coxey  
Legal Advisor