My name is Dustin Patterson, I am employed by the Panama City Police Department and I am an ideal candidate for Laski surgery. I have been employed as a law enforcement officer for the past six years with the Panama City Police Department. I am currently a Corporal assigned to the Special Operations Sections; Street Crimes Unit. The Street Crimes Unit’s main focus is to combat high crime, high drug and high gang violence areas within our community. I have been a member of the Panama City SWAT Team for the past two years. I am a deputized member of the United States Marshal Task Force. I am also one of six officers within the Police Department who is certified to dismantle meth labs.

This is a brief description of my duties. All of my jobs carry a twenty four-seven, on call status. This means that at any time I can be called in and my response time is very important. There are recent incidents where my response time is so urgent that I have to pull out of my driveway with lights and siren activated; in order to respond to a meth lab, to prevent explosion. I also work long, odd hours and frequently have to stay up for twenty four plus hours; without sleep.

I have worn contact lenses for about twelve years now. I have tried to where glasses, however my eye sight is so bad that I trip over items in my peripheral. Lasik surgery would mean the world to me and I truly feel that with this surgery I will be a better product to the community. I am already assigned to all of the highest liability positions within the Panama City Police Department. Lasik is a dream of mine that would certainly be greatly appreciated by me and I will prove to be a better product to our community. Since I am a new father and husband, it is even more important now than ever, that I am safe while on duty. Receiving Lasik surgery would not only greatly contribute to my safety and efficiency while on duty, but would give myself, my co- workers and my family peace of mind. Thank you for this program and considering my application for Lasik.