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 seven 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. I can remember when I first started wearing glasses at age 13 which was late in life and how amazing it was to see to color and texture of everything around me. 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. 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.