

*A letter to Ray Francis's manager from victim's husband*

Dear Mr. Rodriguez,

I write this note to sing the praises of one of your employees by the name of Mr. Ray Francis. Yesterday, my wife was stopped at a traffic light in Mineola, and a car plowed into her from behind, injuring my wife and severely damaging our car. The driver then fled the scene of the accident, weaving through traffic to get away.

As my wife waited for the police to come, which took over two hours, Mr. Francis stopped to check on her. He immediately went to her aid and said that he saw what happened and wanted to help. Later, when Mr. Francis saw the police had arrived, he stopped again to tell the police officers what he saw.

Yesterday, with this horrible person who hit my wife and then fled the scene, we saw how terrible some people can be. I believe truly that person represents the worst of humanity.

However, I take comfort in the fact that Mr. Francis embodies the best of humanity. He selflessly spent time making certain my wife was okay, offering to help in any way. He could easily have just passed by without saying anything. But that is not who he is. I could write for hours and not sufficiently express my appreciation for this kind and remarkable gentleman. Suffice it to say that in all my years, I don't think I've ever met anyone like him.

I want to express our absolute appreciation for everything he did, and for everything he is as a person. I can only imagine that if the world had more people like Ray Francis, it would be an even better place.

Anything you can do to recognize him would be so appreciated. My wife and I send to you our thanks for having such a wonderful employee. It speaks volumes about your company.

If I can be of any help or offer any additional information, please do not ever hesitate to contact me. My wife and I owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Mr. Francis that we will never be able to pay back. It is our hope that you will help us recognize him for all of his kindness.

With great admiration and respect,

Peter and Mandy Boonshaft