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## Thank You and Happy Holidays to Lauren and Team: Bleeding Out Series

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Dear Lauren,

I hope you are enjoying the Holiday Season with your friends and family and are looking forward to a great year ahead in 2024. I wanted to reach out and express heartfelt congratulations on your exceptional work with the "BLEEDING OUT" series. Your dedication and commitment to this project shine through in every aspect of the series, and we wanted to personally commend you for telling this crucial story so authentically and comprehensively.

The depth of your research, through hundreds of interviews and reviews of medical journal articles, truly sets this series apart. Your willingness to embed with emergency medical providers in various parts of Texas demonstrates your commitment to shedding light on this critical issue. You and photographer Smiley Pool went above and beyond to capture the essence of trauma care and its challenges.

I was particularly moved by the collaboration with researchers at the University of Alabama at Birmingham to analyze geographic disparities in trauma victims' outcomes. This adds a significant layer of insight to the series and further underscores the importance of your work.

We are so invested in improving access to care and the lifesaving capacity of pre-hospital blood products and appreciate the profound impact your reporting can have on the healthcare landscape. It's stories like these that drive positive change and inspire action.

Thank you for your dedication to journalism and for making a difference through your storytelling. There is no doubt that your future endeavors will continue to be as impactful as this series has been.

Warm regards,



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