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November 20, 2014

The Honorable Phil Berger President Pro-Tempore North Carolina Senate Legislative Building, Room 2008 Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

The Honorable Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
State Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Tillis and Senator Berger:

The Alcohol Law Enforcement Section is a participant in the Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property Program with the United States Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Treasury. As a result of participation in this program and the support of the Joint Legislative Commission on Government Operations, the Section has been able to provide valuable equipment and support to its members in the pursuit of its mission. The items included in this request are needed to enhance officer and public safety.

Pursuant to Section 16B.1(b) of the Appropriations Act of 2013, this correspondence reports the Alcohol Law Enforcement Section's intent to use \$787,385.00 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the law enforcement and public safety purchases listed below. As of November 13, 2014, the balance of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds held by the Section is \$2,961,383.40. If this request is approved, the new balance of this account will be \$2,173,998.40. Should you have any questions about any of these purchases, please contact my office at (919) 733-2126.

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Gregory K. Baker, Commissioner of Law Enforcement, DPS Lorrie Dollar, Commissioner of Administration, DPS

ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
Moveable and Replaceable Items: The funds would be utilized to replace aging and inefficient items that support operational functions in the various offices. As an example of items which may be included in this, but not limited to, are copy machines, printers, office furniture, computers, and printer ink cartridges.	\$30,000.00
Clothing and Personal Protective Replaceable Equipment: The funds would be utilized to purchase items that are issued to Special Agents. As an example of items which may be included in this, but not limited to, are boots, weapon holsters, rain gear, firearms accessories, flashlights, shirts pants, coats, jackets, bullet proof vests, protective goggles, and latex gloves.	\$35,000.00
Law Enforcement Vehicles: ALE agents utilize unmarked law enforcement vehicles for a myriad of activities including surveillance missions, undercover operations, drug investigations, and age restricted compliance operations. With several vehicles in the Division Vehicle Fleet in excess of the 100,000 mile surplus schedule these vehicles are needed to rejuvenate the aging fleet. The placement of these vehicles will maximize the Division's fleet management while reducing maintenance costs. The total cost listed includes purchase and installation of all necessary equipment and road tax for the purchase of twenty law enforcement vehicles.	\$700,000.00
Ammunition: As sworn law enforcement officers, ALE Agents carry firearms in the course of their duties. Agents participate in annual training and qualification exercises which are required by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards Commission. Having the appropriate supply of ammunition is essential to enable agents to be proficient. The funds would be used to purchase .45 caliber rounds for practice and on-duty use and .233 caliber rounds for practice and on-duty use.	\$22,385.00
Total:	\$787,385.00