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September 19, 2012

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

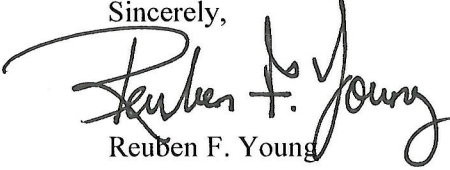
The Honorable Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

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 and to enhance the ability of the Section's agents to secure evidence of crimes.

Pursuant to Section 16.1(a) of the Appropriations Act of 2011, this correspondence reports the Alcohol Law Enforcement Section's intent to use \$143,600.00 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the law enforcement and public safety purchases listed below. As of August 28, 2012, the balance of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds held by the Section is \$2,452,806.67. If this request is approved, the new balance of this account will be \$2,309,206.67. Should you have any questions about any of these purchases, please contact my office at (919) 733-2126.

Sincerely,



Reuben F. Young

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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
Air Cards: With the implementation of a Case Records management (CRM) system, ALE has enjoyed increased efficiency by affording field agents the ability to remotely connect to the system and download their work for offline access. By continued issuance of wireless air cards, ALE will be able to allow agents the transfer of critical information, such as reports, investigations and inspections, access to work e-mail and Internet-based information repositories from the field. In addition to the benefits of information transfer, agents will continue to spend more time in their assigned work areas and less time traveling to pick up work, saving work hours, fuel costs, and vehicle wear, while at the same time increasing work process efficiency. Continued funding of the air cards allows uninterrupted access to the AOC warrant system (NCAWARE) which requires Internet access to prepare, serve and query NC warrants and CJLEADS, an information system that allows access to data from probation and parole, courts, and other law enforcement agencies to identify criminal suspects and to ensure efficient communication of critical investigatory information. The Alcohol Law Enforcement Section wishes to utilize the requested funds to continue to provide air cards for the field agents for two years.	\$93,600.00
Covert Funds: Being sworn law enforcement officers, ALE Agents work in an undercover capacity assisting federal, state, and local agencies make cases involving purchases/sales of illicit alcoholic beverages and controlled substances, prostitution, gambling, money laundering, structured transactions, (RICO cases) etc. The cases are made for administrative violations and criminal cases. The funds requested will be utilized in the nine districts to facilitate these undercover operations.	\$50,000.00
Total:	\$143,600.00