

North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

Michael F. Easley, Governor

Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary

August 25, 2008

The Honorable Marc Basnight
President Pro-Tempore
North Carolina Senate
Legislative Building, Room 2007
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

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

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

Pursuant to Section 15.3 of the Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2007, the State Highway Patrol reports its intent to use \$324,620 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds for two projects. They include the purchase of two-hundred fifty (250) tasers, support equipment, and extended warranties for the new purchases and those already in service. The other project is Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks (TACT). This program is designed to address aggressive driving behaviors around or by commercial motor vehicles on our streets and highways.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol started its taser program on 28 April 2005 with twenty-five devices. Since that time, an additional three hundred fifty (350) tasers have been purchased for service. The Patrol would like to purchase two hundred fifty (250) more tasers for Troopers. The purchase would also include support equipment and extended warranties for the new purchases and those already in service. The total cost of this project is \$312,620.

The second project encompasses a grant from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the amount of \$1,219,158.07. This grant will fund project

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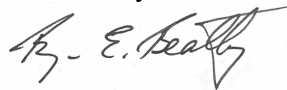
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management costs, media and outreach costs, equipment (including an antenna for the mobile command bus), and overtime for troopers.

Our total match amount for this second project will be \$122,243.62. All but \$12,000 of this amount will be paid with an in-kind match. We are asking that the remaining \$12,000 be paid with Forfeiture funds.

The total cost of this request is \$324,620.00. As of June 30, 2008, the fund balance for the Highway Patrol's three forfeiture accounts, (2420, 2425, and 2430), was \$2,797,415. If this request is approved, the new balance of our forfeiture account revenue will equal \$2,472,795.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan E. Beatty", with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Bryan E. Beatty
Secretary

BEB:brc

cc: Colonel Walter J. Wilson, Jr.
Sergeant S. S. Manuel
Mr. Bennie Aiken
Mr. Bryan Chadwick