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B. W. COLLIER ACTING DIRECTOR

June 10, 2015

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

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

Dear Speaker Moore and Senator Berger:

The Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch 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 \$172,000.00 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the law enforcement and public safety purchases listed below. As of June 10, 2015, the balance of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds held by the Section is \$3,068,534.88. The new balance of this account will be \$2,896,534.88 after the listed expenditures. Should you have any questions about any of these purchases, please contact my office at (919) 733-2126.

Sincerely,

B.W. Collier II Acting Director

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

ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
Covert Funds: Being sworn law enforcement officers, ALE Agents make controlled purchases of illicit alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, and other illegal items for administrative violations and criminal cases. The funds requested will be utilized in the eight districts to facilitate these purchases.	\$75,000.00
Bullet Resistant Vests: Being sworn law enforcement officers, ALE Agents make arrests and conduct enforcement contacts with suspects. With the increasing instances of violence utilizing weapons to assault police officers, ALE would utilize the funds to purchase 104 bullet resistant vests for agents to wear under their clothing while performing their duties.	\$82,000.00
Equipment and Firearms Trailers: Being sworn law enforcement officers, ALE Agents are involved in firearms training sessions throughout the State. At times agents also have to transport equipment or bulk evidence to different regions. ALE currently has a few trailers that are aging and are in need of replacement. With the funds ALE would purchase three trailers to replace the current ones in use.	\$15,000.00
Total:	\$172,000.00