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August 28, 2012

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

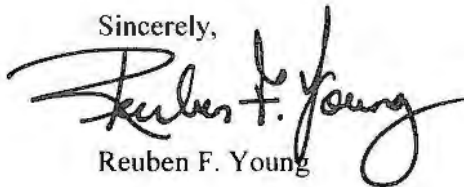
The Honorable Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

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, to provide tactical equipment for high-risk encounters, 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 \$42,988.40 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the law enforcement and public safety purchases listed below. As of August 21, 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 \$2,409,818.27. 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
<p>Police Duty Gear: As law enforcement officers, Alcohol Law Enforcement agents perform a vast variety of law enforcement duties to include surveillance, assisting the local police and sheriff's departments with enforcement activities, serving high-risk search and arrest warrants, and enforcement of criminal laws at large events and other venues throughout the State. In order to provide a secure method of carrying law enforcement equipment such as flashlights, handcuffs, handgun magazines, and mobile radios, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Section wishes to utilize the requested funds to purchase 130 duty belts and accessories for all its sworn personnel.</p>	<p>\$26,088.40</p>
<p>Ballistic Helmets: As law enforcement officers, Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents routinely apply for and execute high-risk search and arrest warrants. Individuals that are present during high-risk warrant service and those who are searched have in their possession dangerous weapons, particularly handguns. Many of the individuals have recently engaged in the sale of weapons and controlled substances. Many of the individuals encountered are convicted felons and are known to carry weapons and utilize them to further their unlawful activities. In order to protect the agents conducting these high-risk warrant services the Section would utilize the funds requested to purchase ballistic helmets as an addition to the ballistic vests already deployed by agents to further protect the bodies and lives of the agents involved in high-risk warrant services.</p>	<p>\$16,900.00</p>
<p>Total:</p>	<p>\$42,988.40</p>