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January 5, 2012

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

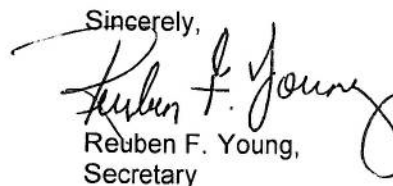
The Honorable Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives
State Legislative Building, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Speaker Tillis and Senator Berger:

Pursuant to Section 16.1(a) of the 2011 Appropriations Act, the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement 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, ALE, 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, provide more efficient communications, training opportunities, and the ability to secure evidence of crimes.

This correspondence from the Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement reports their intent to use \$303,478.59 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the purchases listed below. As of November 7, 2011, the balance of the Federal Seizure Fund held by ALE, not already approved for expenditure, was \$1,282,241.28. If this request is approved, the new balance of this account revenue will be \$978,762.69. If you have any questions about any of these purchases, please contact my office at (919) 733-2126.

Sincerely,



Reuben F. Young,
Secretary

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ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<p>Entry Vests: Being sworn law enforcement officers, ALE Agents routinely apply for and execute search warrants. In today's world some of the individuals that are present during the searches and those who are searched have sold weapons and controlled substances. Many of the individuals encountered are convicted felons and are known to carry weapons and utilize them in their illegal ventures. In order to protect the Agents conducting these high risk search warrants the Division would utilize the funds requested to purchase a higher threat level vest and accessories to better protect the Agents involved.</p>	\$40,000.00
<p>Polygraph Equipment: Alcohol Law Enforcement utilizes polygraph tests for pre-employment backgrounds, and as a tool to aid in varying investigations. In order to make the process more efficient the Division would utilize the requested funds to set up a Western Polygraph Room at the District VII Office in Hickory. Items purchased would be polygraph equipment including sensors, chairs, blood pressure cuffs, and other polygraph related items.</p>	\$3,000.00
<p>Covert Recording Equipment: Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents utilize covert equipment to receive and record interactions in criminal investigations, relating to undercover purchases of alcohol and controlled substances. The funds requested would be utilized to purchase covert audio transmitters, receivers, recorders to replace and supplement aging equipment purchased in the late 80s/early 90s. \$85,108.00.</p>	\$85,108.00
<p>Criminal Records Duplication Equipment: Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents utilize digital evidence collected during case investigations. Frequently these items have to be recorded and submitted to prosecuting attorneys as part of discovery. Alcohol Law Enforcement does not currently have the capability to efficiently transfer this digital evidence to an acceptable media. The funds requested would be utilized to purchase digital evidence conversion/archiving stations and archival media for each ALE office.</p>	\$20,799.11
<p>Replacement of Mobile Data Terminals: Alcohol Law Enforcement utilizes Mobile Data Terminals to transmit and receive data from field agents. These Mobile Data Terminals are instrumental in the efficient exchange of information between ALE and its customers. As with other computers these wear down over time and need replacing. The funds requested would be utilized to purchase approximately 36 units to replace those that are aging and are in need of replacement.</p>	\$154,571.48
Total:	\$303,478.59