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April 20, 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 \$366,329.92 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the law enforcement and public safety purchases listed below. As of April 20, 2015, the balance of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds held by the Section is \$3,234,944.23. The new balance of this account will be \$2,868,614.31 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

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

ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
<p>Law Enforcement Surveillance Vehicles: ALE agents are involved in a wide variety of criminal investigations which include investigations dealing with controlled substance sales and stolen or counterfeit merchandise on licensed ABC outlets. In conducting in-depth criminal investigations, such as these, ALE utilizes specialized surveillance vehicles to accomplish surveillance without being detected by the criminals being observed. ALE would utilize the requested funds to purchase two of these vehicles. Due to the recent merger, the SBI would also be able to utilize these vehicles for their operations, when available.</p>	<p>\$250,000.00</p>
<p>Mobile Phone Communications: As law enforcement officers, Alcohol Law Enforcement agents perform a vast variety of duties to include surveillance, inspections at ABC and Lottery outlets, assisting the local police and sheriff's departments with enforcement activities, serving search warrants, and enforcement of the criminal laws at large events and other venues throughout the State. Mobile Phone communication with other government entities and supervisory personnel is essential, given the large geographical area of responsibility and the varying duties. The ALE Branch would utilize the funds to continue to pay for the service plans of currently issued phones for approximately two years.</p>	<p>\$116,329.92</p>
<p>Total:</p>	<p>\$366,329.92</p>