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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(a) of the Appropriations Act of 2015, this correspondence reports the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch's intent to use \$844,000.00 in Federal Asset Forfeiture funds to support the law enforcement and public safety purchases listed below. As of June 28, 2016, the balance of the Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds held by the Section is \$3,652,324.12. The new balance of this account will be \$2,808,324.12 after the listed expenditures. Should you have any questions about any of these purchases, please contact my office at (919) 662-4500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janie P. Sutton".

Janie Sutton
Acting Director

ITEM REQUESTED	AMOUNT
800 MHz Handheld Radios: Adequate communications are essential in today's law enforcement community. Special Agents with ALE utilize 800 MHz handheld radios for communications while performing enforcement missions and during special occurrences such as disasters or large-scale gatherings. ALE currently has a large portion of the XTS5000 radios which are older and will no longer be supported. ALE would utilize the funding requested to purchase Apex-4000 replacements and accessory packages for all the Branch handheld radios to provide for safety of the public and the Special Agents.	\$650,000.00
Clothing and Personal Protective Replaceable Equipment: The funds would be utilized to purchase items that are issued to Special Agents. As an example of items which may be included in this, but not limited to, are boots, weapon holsters, rain gear, firearms accessories, tasers, flashlights, shirts pants, coats, jackets, bullet proof vests, gun cleaning kits, protective goggles, and latex gloves.	\$70,000.00
Training: Training is an essential tool in the investigation and enforcement process. In order to maintain the highest level of efficiency and safety, continual training is paramount. This funding will allow specific training to accomplish Branch goals through the ability of agents to attend training activities to enhance their ability to perform their given tasks at a higher level of proficiency. Areas of training include such things as search warrant preparation, criminal process, leadership, management, and advanced criminal investigations, which are essential for professional development and advancement of the Branch's goals.	\$85,000.00
Replacement Firearms and Supplies: Firearms proficiency and the need for properly functioning firearms is an essential item of need for a law enforcement agency. This funding will allow Alcohol Law Enforcement to purchase replacement handguns, holsters, lights, and other firearms related accessories, such as ammunition, shooting glasses and sighting systems.	\$39,000.00
<p style="text-align: right;">Total:</p>	\$844,000.00

