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Rep Bill Herbkersman Republican- District 118 308C Blatt Building Columbia, SC 29201

Good morning Rep. Herbkersman,

My name is Joe Babkiewicz and I am the Chief of Police for Bluffton Police Department. The Bluffton Police Department utilizes Tasers to help reduce officer injuries and prevent injuries to people in our community. Our Tasers have all expired and we need to order new ones for each of our officers working on the roadways. The cost of the Tasers is nearly \$60,000 and assistance in funding for this equipment would be a great help. In addition, we are also working on expanding our evidence room as we have quickly outgrown it. We need equipment for the room to allow expansion. We would greatly appreciate any consideration for assistance on funding for the equipment required for our Law Enforcement to remain safe and efficient. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 843-816-4363.

Sincerely,

Joe Babkiewicz Chief of Police Bluffton Police Department Bluffton, S.C.

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