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Director Leroy Smith
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Dear Director Smith:

On February 25, 2016, the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee met to continue its study of the Department of Public Safety and Department of Juvenile Justice. The presence of agency personnel Mr. Scott Watford and Mr. Sid Gaulden was appreciated during this meeting.

The purpose, at the beginning of this meeting, was to determine what questions the subcommittee would like to submit to the Department of Public Safety for a written response, and the purpose of this letter is to provide the agency with those questions. Specifically, the subcommittee seeks additional information from the agency by Wednesday, March 16, 2016, on the items listed below.

Illegal Immigration Unit

- Copies of certifications of the agency's illegal immigration unit.
- List of the drug task forces the illegal immigration unit works with.
- A breakdown of the types of cases made by the illegal immigration unit and number of those that resulted in an arrest and conviction.

Highway Patrol

- Is there at least one Trooper on duty, on the road, in each county 24 hours a day, seven days a week? If no, in which counties may this not be the case in normal operating conditions?
- Cost of training and equipping a class of 40 highway patrol troopers.

- Cost of training and equipping one highway patrol trooper for someone with no law enforcement experience.

Discipline /Office of Professional Responsibility

- Is the agency's disciplinary policy the same for all divisions of the agency?
- Number of Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) investigators on staff and the turnover rate for this office.
- If an OPR investigation reveals any criminal activity is that information forwarded to the local Solicitor's office? If yes, how many OPR investigations have been forwarded to the local solicitor's office in the last four years?
- A breakdown of the OPR investigations of law enforcement officers by their ranks.

Office of Human Resources

- Number of employees who have been hired and trained by the Office of Human Resources in the last four years.
- Turnover rate for the Office of Human Resources for the last four years.

In your responses to these questions, please provide the subcommittee with any relevant, necessary context information. If the agency has any concerns about the format of these questions yielding answers that do not provide an accurate reflection of the agency, please express those concerns, prior to responding to the question, in a written letter to me with a copy to committee staff. Please retain your working papers for these responses in the event the subcommittee would like to view those.

Your continued cooperation in the legislative oversight process is appreciated. The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee looks forward to assisting the agency in its plans to improve its efficiency and outcomes.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Kirkman Finlay III
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
The Honorable William K. Bowers
The Honorable Raye Felder
The Honorable Edward R. Tallon Sr.