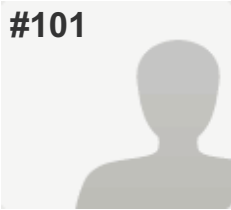


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PAGE 2: About Agencies Scheduled for Study

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**Q1: Please share any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have about these agencies. Please note your responses will be posted online and may be included in a Committee report.**

Public Safety, Department of

DPS has been heading downhill for the last 5-10 years and definitely since Leroy Smith was installed. Trooper morale is down. Telecommunications staff morale is definitely low. Civilian departments are seeing more and more people leave due to awful managers/"leadership". Employees are being run out of the agency just because they try and do the right thing. DPS used to be a place where opinions could be shared without the fear of getting put on a list – it has turned into a witch hunt and the "leadership" is more concerned about looking good than saving lives. Long-tenured staff are told they can no longer do their jobs in the most effective way. Entire programs are cut without reason, or for reasons of the "leaders" feeling that it isn't what THEY want. For example, the Families of Highway Fatalities group – the first of its kind in the nation, which was put together through much effort, creativity, and tears – was effectively shut down because it was no longer important to DPS "leadership" to be a place of support for those loved ones left behind. It got moved out of SCHP (where it should have remained) and down to Highway Safety, where it was then choked to death before the employee who put so much work into it over many years was involuntarily transferred (and eventually resigned). The "leadership" should be ashamed of themselves for taking what was a fine agency and turning it into a mess. Hopefully the committee will make some changes at the top to help get DPS back to being an agency that puts PEOPLE first, not POLITICS or PRIVILEGE.

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PAGE 3: There are three questions seeking general information.

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**Q2: What is your age?**

45-54 years old

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**Q3: Which best describes your current role?**

Former State employee of an agency under study by the House Legislative Oversight Committee (i.e., Comptroller General's Office, DOT, First Steps, DSS, DJJ, State Transportation Infrastructure Bank, School for the Deaf and Blind, Commission for the Blind, DPS, and Treasurer's Office)

**Q4: In which county do you live?**

Newberry