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

Public Safety, Department of

It is high time to give Trooper's the pay raise they deserve. Also it is time to give Troopers a fair bill of rights were they have the right to protect themselves against unfair internal practices and external complaints. DPS has a long history of the " Good Ole Boys" taking care of the " Good Ole BOys". If you are not in that click you will not get promoted, special equipment or the chance to better yourself. Why ride the backs of the highest producing Troopers? Yes, they will be in more chases,. Yes, they will get into more stuff but they should as they are writing 3x the tickets of those Troopers who sit at Waffle House or with thier supervisor friends all day.

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Q2: What is your age?

45-54 years old

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?

Spartanburg

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

Public Safety, Department of

State troopers are required to do much more with much less. They have half the employees that they once did yet are still held to the same expectations of numbers. If numbers "don't look good" they get verbally reprimanded and e-mailed about the need to improve. They don't take into consideration when you have two troopers to cover two counties that wrecks and other events occur that prevent you from writing tickets and improving numbers. There are no repercussions for not performing your job. So if someone is not writing tickets they are told you need to write more tickets but there is never any follow through. No punishment, no consequences they just get to go do whatever they want. This isn't and shouldn't be a reflection of the direct supervisors in all cases but a reflection of the top leaders in this organization. Troopers are always pulled to do specials, which again leaves the road troopers short staffed in my opinion at a dangerous level. How about the fact that some agencies get to do specials that provide them with extra pay while the troopers are doing the same work as part of their regular duty. Ever think about how that makes them feel. They obviously don't make a lot and may like to have a little extra as well. How about the fact that troopers straight out of the academy make more than some of the troopers that have been on the road a while....ever think about that. They are not compensated for the amount of harassment, danger, short staffing, off duty work that they perform. They are one of the lowest paid, if not the lowest paid troopers in the country. If they work over they earn comp. time yet they never get to use the comp. time because they are so short staffed. Then when and if they do get to use comp. time it is paid out as straight time and not paid out at time and half or double time which is how it should be paid out. The cars have high mileage, the bullet proof vests are either expired or close to expiring, there equipment is in need or replacement, and so

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behind the time in technology. Hand written tickets etc. Let's get these troopers what they need to serve the public. They need additional training opportunities to deal with the public and the issues that are currently oppressing our society and how to deal with that. I believe the act of pumping gas used to be a safe task for a police officer but now days they cannot even do that safely and that is a crying shame. Even the relationships between other agencies and the SCHP are strained. There is never a good job or kudos to trooper _____ for a job well done....they only here the negative and what to do better. When the world is full of negativity towards police maybe someone should be thanking for a job well done. Police are under such scrutiny and every little nitpicky thing gets scrutinized how would you like to work under a microscope I am sure that wouldn't go over very well. How about ride around with one of these troopers and see what a day in there world is like. I am sure it is much different than you would think because leadership is so far removed from the road troopers that they have no idea what they experience. How about the fact that it has been stated "they don't care about the trooper s have been out on the road for a long time all they care about is recruiting new troopers." Well I can tell you in order to run a great agency you best have a mixture of both. Times are tight for many agencies but when you are in a profession serving the community such as these fine troopers maybe you should give them the respect, credit, and compensation (not just pay but equipment, improved efficiencies and processes, etc) that they deserve. There are so many troopers that are unhappy and looking for other employment....I wonder what the dept. will do if this mass exodus comes to fruition. I hope that you do quote this verbatim because it is time for change

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Q2: What is your age?

35-44 years old

Q3: Which best describes your current role?

South Carolina resident and do not fall into any of the categories below

Q4: In which county do you live?

Dorchester