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FROM: Chief John Letteney, President
North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police

SUBJECT: Appropriations Request for Statewide Expansion
Naval Criminal Investigative Services
Law Enforcement Information Exchange

DATE: January 27, 2014

The North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police (NCACP) actively supports legislation that will enhance public safety, protect officers, and give us the tools and resources we need to provide the critical police services our communities want and expect, and to provide them in an efficient and effective manner.

One of these critical tools and an invaluable resource is the ability to exchange law enforcement information with other agencies within North Carolina, our neighboring states, and nationally. The NCACP's Board of Directors and membership have followed the development of the NCIS – Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX) System. The progress and support that this system has achieved over the last several years is a major game changer for law enforcement in North Carolina as well as the United States.

With over 65% of our state already exchanging information utilizing the LInX System, coupled with the participation of state agencies and institutions of the UNC system, the NCACP Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the funding required to expand this system to the remaining law enforcement agencies in our state.

It is our understanding that the operating cost associated with maintaining this system will be fully funded by the Navy through 2016. The system has been declared a program requirement for national security, and with the Navy expanding the system to other military installations, the probability that funds will continue to be available is very high.

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The LInX System provides incident based information from agencies in eleven national regions. Virginia, South Carolina and the National Capital Region are fully participating in addition to numerous agencies from the coastal states -- Florida, Texas, California, etc. The ability to access this information is essential; however, the various regions have interconnected data from other law enforcement applications and one region is overlaying the system with advanced analytics. This is exciting because enhancing the system will increase the functionality and ensure that the emerging technologies will be incorporated. Additionally, other major agencies not currently participating are joining – NYPD, LAPD, Chicago PD, and others.

The NCACP endorsement of the LInX System and the recommendation to expand the system was made based on various factors; the major one being that the governance board is comprised of one law enforcement executive from every participating agency. This will help ensure that system changes will not adversely impact the sworn officers using the LInX System and will remain under local control.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Letteney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Letteney".

Chief John Letteney
President
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cc: NCIS Staff
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