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Members of the budget conference committee,

We are very concerned about the proposed cuts to the Department of Revenue budget items for three projects impacting law enforcement. We don't pretend to understand all the reasons for the legislature cutting that funding and perhaps there is something in place to assure the projects funded by those cuts will continue. But we do want you to understand how those three projects relate to public safety and law enforcement.

These three items are:

- Reducing the Photo Fee Fund, page 81, line 43, Section 78(h). This funding supports the production of secure driver's license and ID card credentials in the Division of Vehicles driver's license operations. The state driver's license and id cards are the primary source of identification law enforcement relies on in our street contacts and investigations. **Up to date and accurate identification free from fraudulent identifiers is crucial to public safety.**
- Stopping the funding of the DMV Modernization Fund six months prior to completion date, page 82, line 9, Section 78(j). This funding is set to expire for this project on January 1, 2013. We encourage you to keep the January 1, 2013, date in place to assure the final work on the system will be completed. This project is one law enforcement has been heavily engaged in due to the vastly improved search and investigative capabilities the new system will provide law enforcement. **The driver's license portion of this project is set to come on line August 1, 2012. Public safety will be greatly enhanced when this comes on line. Please don't take any action that may jeopardize the implementation of this program or cause a delay in the features so badly needed by law enforcement.**

It is our understanding these funding reductions may very well adversely affect the Motor Vehicle Department's ability to support law enforcement needs. **We simply ask that you consider these potential unintended consequences as you consider these reductions in your final budget recommendations.**

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