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November 29, 2004

The Honorable Steve Smith  
The Honorable Mary Murphy  
House Judiciary Finance and Policy Committee

The Honorable Leo Foley  
The Honorable Dave Kleis  
Senate Crime Prevention Committee

The Honorable Jane Ranum  
The Honorable Thomas Neuville  
Senate Finance Committee, State Government Budget Division

Dear Members:

In the 2003 Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 29, was passed that established a pilot grant program called the Minnesota Alternative Policing Strategies (MAPS) program. The purpose of the program was enhancing community policing efforts throughout the state of Minnesota.

However, no grant dollars were allotted for this program and therefore the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is unable to report on the use of grant dollars by law enforcement agencies or any summary information evaluating the effectiveness of the enhanced community policing program.

The legislation also required the Commissioner to assist applicants seeking federal community oriented policing services (COPS) grants. The Department did receive one inquiry for assistance in applying for federal grants from the City of Minneapolis, assistance was offered but declined.

The Department views this correspondence as satisfying the reporting requirements as provided in 2003 Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 29, subdivision 4.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jeri Boisvert at 651-284-3318.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Campion".

Michael Campion  
Commissioner

cc: Governor Tim Pawlenty  
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