



Joint Committee on Appropriations
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Mr. Marty Jackley, Attorney General
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Letter of Intent Regarding Legislation Approved in the 2016 Session

Dear Attorney General Jackley:

This Letter of Intent sets forth a particular view held by the Joint Committee on Appropriations in approving your appropriation in the 2016 Legislative Session. As such, it supplements that appropriation with a specific policy guideline as approved on March 29, 2016.

While the guideline does not have the direct force of statutory law, it rests solidly on a long-standing tradition of Legislative-Executive relationships in South Dakota and it will be used by the Joint Committee as one basis for the fiscal oversight of your agency and its continued funding.

The 2016 South Dakota Legislature approved up to \$27,000 in general funds, \$81,000 in federal fund authority, and 1.0 FTE to the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of providing funding for a Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Agent assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Safe Trails Task Force. This is a three-year funding commitment provided by the Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Grant. The STOP Grant opportunity needs a state match of 25%, or \$27,000 annually over the next three years.

The DCI Agent will work on cases involving child abuse in the surrounding reservations. The Pierre FBI office is considered a "hardship" office by the FBI. The designation of a "hardship" office is mostly due to the nature of the violent crime work, which includes child sexual abuse (CSA) investigations. CSA investigations are some of the most difficult cases law enforcement handles. The willingness of the South Dakota DCI to assist the Pierre Resident Agency investigate these difficult cases directly benefits the most vulnerable of victims in South Dakota.

It is the intent of the Joint Committee on Appropriations that the Office of the Attorney General request a reduction of the 1.0 FTE assigned to the Safe Travels Task Force once the funding is

eliminated in three years. In addition, the general fund amount of \$27,000 and federal fund expenditure authority of \$81,000 will also be eliminated once this program ends in three years.

Thank you for your cooperation.

/S/ Senator Deb Peters
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Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Appropriations

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cc: Marty Guindon, Auditor General
Jason Dilges, Commissioner, Bureau of Finance and Management