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To: The Honorable Christopher T. Sununu
Governor of the State of New Hampshire

The Honorable Jeb Bradley
President of the NH Senate

The Honorable Sherman Packard
Speaker of the NH House of Representatives

From: Robert L. Quinn 
Commissioner of Safety

CC: Eddie Edwards, Assistant Commissioner of Safety
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Re: Reporting on Progress of RSA 21-P:69 Northern Border Alliance

RSA 21-P:69 establishes a Northern Border Alliance (NBA) program focused on reducing the instance of crimes and illicit activity occurring within 25 air miles from the Canadian border. The NBA program shall make grants available to other state, county, and local law enforcement agencies, and also provide funding for the division of state police for the following purposes:

- (a) Overtime costs for officers performing law enforcement activities under this program.
- (b) Equipment for use in performing law enforcement activities under this program.
- (c) Training costs, including overtime backfill, for officers participating in this program

As of December 31, 2023:

Grant applications were accepted from 12/1/23 – 12/29/23. A total of 8 NBA grant applications were received from state, county, and local law enforcement agencies between 12/1/23 – 12/29/23. Authorization to award grant funds to applicants will be requested at the Governor and Executive Council meeting on January 31, 2024.

In accordance with Chapter 79, section 478, Legislation of 2023, \$1,435,384 was appropriated to the Department of Safety for the NBA program. Funds were allocated pursuant to the legislation and as of December 31, 2023, expenditures are as follows:

Expense Description	Budget	YTD Expenditures	Remaining Balance
Overtime	\$ 346,298	\$ 63,818	\$ 282,480
Current Expenses	5,000	-	5,000
Equipment	155,000	-	155,000
Benefits	113,343	20,541	92,802
Grants (Non-Federal)	815,743	-	815,743
Totals	\$ 1,435,384	\$ 84,359	\$ 1,351,025

The expenditures incurred thus far reflect 930 hours of training completed by New Hampshire State Police (NHSP). It is anticipated the training hours will continue to increase, at a higher ratio to patrol hours, through March of this year. As staff become fully trained, training hours are projected to decline, with an expected increase in patrol hours.

NHSP began NBA patrols on December 10, 2023. A total of 22 patrol shifts have been reported thus far between the timeframe of December 10, 2023, to December 31, 2023, with the following reportable activity:

Activity	Offense Count
Motor Vehicle Stops	30
Ped contacts	24
Warnings	19
Criminal Investigations	3
Summons	1
Arrest *	2
Totals	79

* (1) DWI, reckless driving; (1) OAS, OP/WO a valid license, unregistered vehicle

There was 1 report from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) about suspicious activity at the New Hampshire border with Canada during this period.