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

The Honorable Sharon Carson
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, 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. A total of eight NBA applications were received between 12/1/23 – 12/29/23. On January 31, 2024, the Governor and Executive Council authorized \$519,955 in NBA awards to eight state, county, and local law enforcement agencies across New Hampshire.

NBA program expenditures through December 31, 2024, are as follows:

Expense Description	Budget	FY24 Expenditures	FY25 Expenditures	Remaining Balance
Overtime	\$ 341,310	\$ 167,761	\$ 76,632	\$ 96,917
Current Expenses	7,013	6,486	-	527
Equipment	159,488	113,030	42,397	4,061
Benefits	111,830	53,452	26,219	32,159
Grants (Non-Federal)	815,743	12,696	221,809	581,238
Totals	\$ 1,435,384	\$ 353,425	\$ 367,057	\$ 714,902

Equipment purchased by the Division of State Police for utilization under the grant includes:

- (1) Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Truck
- (1) Cargo Trailer
- (2) Bombardier Ski-Doo Backcountry Adrenaline Snowmobiles
- (1) Can-Am Defender Max Limited Utility Terrain Vehicle
- (3) Helmets, (3) Pairs of Gloves, (4) Pairs of Overshoes, (5) Nylon Snowpants

The equipment has been received and some upfitting of lighting and communications equipment remains. The truck and UTV were used operationally several times, and the snowmobiles are ready to go as soon as there is enough snow.

From July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, state, county, and local agencies participated in a total of 351 patrol shifts, equivalent to 3,853.25 hours of law enforcement patrol, resulting in the following reportable activity:

Activity	Offense Count
OHRV and Pedestrian Contacts (including Community Caretaking)	1,722
Motor vehicle stops	668
Warnings	608
Emergency calls responded to	94
Citations / Summons Issued	68
Criminal investigations	25
*Arrests	21
Assists to Border Patrol	4
Intelligence Received from Border Patrol	4
Intelligence Reports Sent to NHIAC	3
Pursuits	1
Totals	3,218

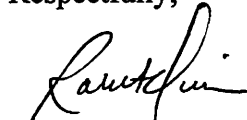
* (1) Arrest on a warrant for fugitive from justice, (1) Arrest on warrant for criminal mischief, trespass, operating after suspension, (1) Transporting alcohol by a minor, (1) Operating after suspension,

suspended registration, (1) Illegal night hunting, (1) Suspended registration, (1) Driving while intoxicated, minor in possession of alcohol, (1) Driving while intoxicated, disobeying an officer, (1) Arrest on a bench warrant for operating after suspension, (1) Aggravated driving while intoxicated, (1) Disobeying an Officer, (1) Arrest on a warrant for theft, (1) Operating without a valid license, (1) Arrest on a warrant for criminal mischief, negligent operation, (1) Arrest on warrant for conduct after an accident, (1) Arrest on warrant for possession of controlled drug, disobeying an officer, endangering welfare of a minor, (1) Operating after suspension and license prohibitions, (1) Arrest on a bench warrant, (1) Operating after suspension, disobeying a police officer, (1) Driving while intoxicated and (1) Arrest on a warrant for Fugitive from Justice.

There were 4 reports from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) about suspicious activity at the New Hampshire border with Canada during this period.

The enforcement efforts conducted by participants in the Northern Border Initiative have yielded intelligence information that has been useful to our federal partners. Because participants in the initiative have been able to back up local law enforcement on many calls, federal partners have enjoyed a decreased incidence of diversion from their primary missions. Furthermore, federal partners confirm that the amplified presence of law enforcement / NBA participants has had a deterrent effect on federal violations.

Respectfully,



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