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The Honorable Debra Heffernan, Chairwoman
The Honorable Nicole Poore, Vice-Chairwoman
Joint Committee on Capital Improvement
151th General Assembly
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Dear Representative Heffernan and Senator Poore:

The 149th Delaware General Assembly's Bond and Capital Improvements Act generously allowed the Delaware Police Chiefs' Council to renew the lease-purchase of laptop computers which were originally recommended in Fiscal Year 2011. The previous two lease purchase programs were both for four years and were very successful. In order to reduce the annual cost, the current lease-purchase program, which started in FY2019, is for a five-year lease period instead of the usual four years. The Delaware Police Chiefs' Council recently changed its name to the Delaware Association of Chiefs of Police, however we are still the same organization and will continue to operate in the same manner as in previous years. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for this committee's past support and for recognizing how critical local law-enforcement is to the overall public safety of our State.

This funding allows member agencies of the Council to obtain this critical technology for police operations ensuring that every patrol vehicle in our State will be equipped with up-to-date, functioning laptop computers. This funding and deployment model compliments other programs in our State, also funded by the general Assembly to the entire law-enforcement community, namely the DELJIS suite of uniform law-enforcement programs, which are imperative to Delaware's Real Time Crime Reporting. All of these programs put Delaware in a position that all of you should be proud of, by allowing every police agency to adhere to uniform standards and shared systems that other States can only wish to achieve. This lease program minimizes the overall cost of policing and provides for the necessary integration that facilitates information sharing. As a result of your funding, Delaware is a national leader in information sharing between all components of the Criminal Justice System.

Our only funding request this year is in the amount of \$244,510.17 and is for the fifth year of the current five-year lease which has allowed us to lease the same number of laptop computers (965) as in the previous lease. Due to the fact that we have increased this lease program by one year, to a five-year lease, our request is over \$90,000.00 less than the previous four-year lease program's yearly payments.

On behalf of the entire Delaware Association of Chiefs of Police, we wish to thank you for your continued financial support of Local Law Enforcement in our State.

Respectfully & Sincerely,



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