

We would recommend that serious consideration be given to restoring a substantial portion of the Patrol's funding to the Motor Fuel Tax. This will ensure a reliable, sustainable funding stream for the Patrol and reduce incursion into areas historically available to local governmental entities. This can be accomplished by redirecting a portion of current fuel taxes to the Patrol or phasing in additional new- dedicated funds for the Patrol similar to the incremental plan used in 2003.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol has a rich tradition of professionalism, inter-agency cooperation, and providing quality services to the citizenry of Ohio for the last 77 years. As retired superintendents, we want that tradition to continue, and we know the current Patrol administration feels the same way.

Despite the issues that have surfaced in recent months, we know you have the utmost respect for the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and we appreciate the support you have shown during your tenure as governor. We trust that support will continue as proper funding sources are identified.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to participate in this process and thank you for listening to our concerns. We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss with you the findings and recommendations of the Final Report and our opposition to the Minority Report.

Sincerely,

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