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Attorney General Adam P. Laxalt
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RE: Letter of Support, COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program, CFDA: 16.710

Dear Attorney General Adam P. Laxalt:

On June 28, 2018, your office released a report entitled "School Safety: A Community Responsibility Special Summit on School Safety Report." In that report, you identified various weaknesses and made recommendations to improve the overall safety of Nevada's school children. Among your recommendations was a proposal to submit grant applications to the federal government to address funding deficiencies for needed infrastructure and communications systems.

The Nevada Department of Public Safety is committed to improving school safety and agrees that your recommendations concerning the Central Repository, if implemented, will improve the quality and flow of information that is used by Nevada's school resource officers, its Fusion Centers and others to assess threats to Nevada's schools. In your application for the above-referenced grant, you seek funding to engage a consultant for the purpose of updating their 2011 study specific to recommendations regarding improvements to the Nevada Computerized Criminal History system. We are confident that the refresh of their 2011 study will compliment a current study refresh the same vendor is conducting to update their 2012 needs assessment for computerized criminal history and related systems. Combined, both studies will provide a clear path for modernization efforts of our criminal justice information systems to significantly improve the capacity of law enforcement to evaluate and defuse threats to Nevada's school children.

I appreciate your leadership, your strong position on school safety, and support your intended project and application.

Respectfully,



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Records Bureau Chief
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Cc: grant file

