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STATE TROOPERS IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 4852

Comprehensive Bill Allows for Dedicated Funding to Public Safety

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The Michigan State Police Troopers Association is announcing its public support for House Bill 4852. This comprehensive piece of public safety legislation will generate much needed revenue to support public safety at all levels of government. Additionally, this all-inclusive bill enhances the ability of the Michigan State Police to continue to meet the increasing demand for its support services.

“State Police forensic science laboratories are being taxed more and more by the demands placed on them in support of local law enforcement” said Troopers Association president Mike Moorman. “Currently, over 90% of all the forensic science case load (at a cost of approximately \$24 million) and over 65% of computer crimes assistance is for county and local law enforcement agencies.”

Moorman added “This bill will fund \$31 million in direct resources to insure that the State Police forensic science obligation continues to be met.” Additionally, the State Police will be able to add an additional 20 forensic scientist positions, an additional 11 computer forensic examiners, restore 10 recently eliminated polygraph examiner positions, and restore 9 fire investigator positions that were eliminated two years ago.

Moorman further said “What hurts public safety is when people such as Michigan Sheriffs Association Executive Director Terry Jungel and Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard purposely misrepresent this issue and attempt to turn this into a turf battle. Their position is more troubling when the major public safety groups support HB 4852. It doesn’t make sense that prominent sheriffs support this and Bouchard does not. It makes you wonder who truly cares about the people they serve. It’s incomprehensible that anyone seeking to run for statewide public office opposes legislation that benefits public safety and strengthens the protection of Michigan’s citizens.”

Last month alone, DNA units in the State Police labs solved 72 major cold cases in the metro Detroit area, including 8 in Oakland County.