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Honorable Thomas Tangretti  
Room 328, South Office Bldg.

Dear Tom:

I am looking forward to working with you on introducing legislation to implement the recommendations of the Local Police Task Force.

Enclosed please find drafts of the necessary legislation which have been prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau in consultation with the staff of the Local Government Commission. You will note that the first recommendation dealing with training and the last recommendation concerning the redistribution of fines are not enclosed.

The first recommendation is being discussed by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency staff and others involved in training, and they will forward their recommendations to us when their discussions are completed.

The last recommendation concerning the redistribution of fines requires us to make some policy decisions. In particular, since there are winners and losers among municipalities, how do we present this recommendation in a form that has a chance of passage? Also, how do we make sure that municipalities deriving fees from arrests do not use over-aggressive enforcement to enrich their budgets?

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this and any other suggestions you may have before we approve this legislation. My office will contact you in the next few days to schedule a meeting where we can further discuss these proposals.

Sincerely yours,

*Chris Ross*

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Enclosures

cc: Local Government Commission



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