Re: Pennsylvania Request for Match Proportionality Waiver- Grant Number: 42-10-S13042

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request a waiver from the FFY 2013 SLIGP award's Match Proportionality requirement. We are requesting that the waiver cover the entire Award Period. As required, this waiver request is being submitted along with a revised budget that identifies the source of matching funds. Pennsylvania is fully committed to meeting the total required match over the life of the grant project period; however, meeting the proportionality requirement each quarter may prove to be burdensome.

The enclosed NTIA-approved Baseline Expenditure Plan (BEP) fully describes the amount of budgeted matching funds and the planned rate of expenditures. The BEP shows that funding variations have occurred in the amount of matching funds in the salaries and fringe benefits section. With the change of the project's Single Point of Contact through retirement and the time needed to promote a new person into the role, the salaries and fringe benefits fell behind what was initially anticipated. The BEP also shows Pennsylvania's commitment to provide the required match in full over the life of the award. Rather than risk non-compliance, we would much prefer to only be held to the requirement of meeting the full match by the end of the Award Period and not on a quarterly basis.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania designates the Pennsylvania State Police as the coordinating agency for the State and Local Implementation Grant Program for the planning efforts of the national public safety broadband network. Effective March 14, 2015, the single point of contact within the agency will be:

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Sincerely,

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