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The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
1020 N Street, Room 553
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Skinner:

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has budgetary authority to conduct tactical alerts in response to declared emergencies and immediate threats to public safety. A tactical alert occurs when officers are placed on 12-hour shifts, with regular days off cancelled, to enhance emergency preparedness and emergency response. Having funds available for emergency situations ensures the CHP is able to respond as directed by the Governor. Provision 3 of Item 2720-011-0044 of the Budget Act of 2022 requires the CHP to submit a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on the activities and expenditures for the previous fiscal year (FY) for tactical alerts.

During FY 2021/22, the CHP incurred \$4,162,696 in costs for tactical alerts. Uniformed employees were placed on tactical alert to assist with various wildfires across the state.

For FY 2022/23, the CHP will request to augment its budget should tactical alert funds become necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of California, in a manner consistent with the provisional language requirements set forth in the Budget Act of 2022. As required, the CHP will report those expenditures to the Legislature on a yearly basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. L. Ray".

A. L. RAY
Commissioner

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