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Philip Weiser, Regional Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Weiser,

Enclosed is a letter from the Vermont State Police (VSP) Traffic Safety Unit Commander, Lieutenant John Flannigan. Lt. Flannigan is requesting Governor's Highway Safety Program support the purchase of three License Plate Recognition Systems (LPRs) utilizing the amounts and funding sources as indicated.

In conversations with Lt. Flannigan regarding the utilization of these LPRs, the lieutenant has indicated these units will be deployed based on crash data and other pertinent information relating directly to highway safety issues. In addition he states they will be used in strict compliance with existing agency regulations regarding use. Lastly, Lt. Flannigan assures me VSP will monitor use and collect usage data for these LPRs, as is currently collected and analyzed for existing LPRs.

I respectfully request your approval of the purchase of these units as specified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ted Minall".

Ted Minall  
Chief,  
Vermont Governor's Highway Safety Program  
Cc: Gabriel Cano, NHTSA Program Manager

The logo for the State of Vermont, featuring a stylized mountain range with a sun or moon above it, followed by the word "VERMONT" in a serif font.

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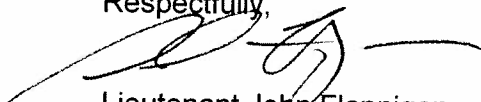
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A recent internal review of the current LPR systems currently in use by this agency, indicates in excess of 85% of all operational deployment is narrowly related to the enforcement of traffic regulations and statutes.

Based on this, we are requesting permission to use 85%, which equals \$66,696 on this purchase. The total estimate is \$78,467 (\$26,155 per unit) and VSP will be responsible for 15% (\$11,771).

This technology has greatly improved our ability to identify and remove some of our most dangerous drivers from our highways, to include suspended and impaired drivers. We look forward to expanding this program in the near future.

Respectfully,



Lieutenant John Flannigan  
Commander

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**Damiata, Mario (NHTSA)**

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**From:** Damiata, Mario (NHTSA)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 03, 2012 12:43 PM  
**To:** tminall@dps.state.vt.us  
**Cc:** Cano, Gabriel (NHTSA); Weiser, Philip (NHTSA); 'Sue Aikman'  
**Subject:** Automated License Plate Readers VT State Police

Ted: Got your message and yes we do have the request for the ALPR purchase for the Vermont State Police. I will review and discuss it with Phil Monday when he returns. Please have back up data available to justify its use as a traffic enforcement enhancement tool and how it will be deployed. We recently approved the purchase of APLRs for *local* police agencies in another State and proportionally funded them at 50 per cent based on the data made available. In order to assure that this equipment is being used for its intended purpose, we strongly encourage that you require usage and enforcement data as part of the grant award and make arrangements to include this equipment as part of your regular project monitoring. Please indicate where in the FY 2012 HSP this equipment is described and if not included, please amend the HSP as appropriate. Call if you have any questions. Thanks.

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