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COUNTY JUDGE

The Honorable J. D. Salinas
Hidalgo County Judge
P. O. Box 1356
Edinburg, TX 78539

Re: Letter of Acceptance for Local Benefit
FY 09 and 10 Comprehensive Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

Dear Judge Salinas:

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) through a federal grant program administered by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has been able to work additional enforcement within your county in federal fiscal year 2008 and anticipates doing so again in fiscal years 2009 and 2010. This enforcement focuses primarily on three areas – Speed, DWI, and Occupant Protection.

TxDOT must ensure that at least 40% of all federal funds apportioned to the state will be expended by or for the benefit of political subdivisions of the state in carrying out local highway safety programs authorized in accordance with Title 23, United States Code, Section 163. Grant funds awarded to DPS are used to pay overtime to troopers who work in this STEP program in your county. THIS IN NO WAY AFFECTS ANY OTHER STEP PROGRAMS THAT MAY HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE AWARDED TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN YOUR COUNTY.

At this time, we are requesting your support of this program. With your cooperation in this effort, this enforcement program should have a positive impact upon your county and its communities. If you support this program as benefiting your local government and community, please sign below where indicated and return an original for our files. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 424-2119.

Sincerely,

William M. Diggs, Major
Texas Highway Patrol Division

(Name - Please Print)

(Signature)

(Official Title)

(Date)