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March 30, 2015

The Honorable César J. Blanco
Texas House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Dear Representative Blanco,

The Department of Public Safety provides the following responses to your request for information dated March 17, 2015.

1. *The number of apprehensions related to OSS solely by DPS, and solely by local law enforcement agencies.*

The numbers of apprehensions are inclusive of all participants as we do not delineate between local law enforcement departments and other state agencies. For the time period of June 25, 2014 through February 25, 2015, there have been: 16,093 Referrals *Note that this number will change as dispositions are received.

2. *The number of drug-related apprehensions related to OSS solely by DPS.*

The following totals represent all Operation Strong Safety participants, including USBP and local agencies. For the time period of June 23, 2014 through March 25, 2015 within Zones 1-13: 421,816.97 lbs. of marijuana, 811.46 lbs. of cocaine, 793.16 lbs. of methamphetamine, 33.46 lbs. of heroin

3. *The number of traffic citations, if any, included in the 77,130 figure that was previously reported to your office.*

The previous figure of 77,130 did not include any traffic citations.

4. *Of the total appropriation DPS has requested, the total funds that DPS plans to reserve exclusively for border security.*

When the Department of Public Safety initially submitted the Legislative Appropriation Request, the Department requested a total appropriation of \$2,169,747,379. The total funds that the Department of Public Safety planned to reserve exclusively for border security is \$123,454,157. Since that time, the State Legislature and Leadership have been undergoing discussions regarding the scope of border security funding and as a result, these numbers are currently in flux.

5. *The number of traffic citations DPS has issued in the area covered by OSS since June 23, 2014.*

The Department of Public Safety has issued a total of 41,492 traffic citations within the area of operations from June 23, 2014 through March 19, 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven C. McCraw" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven C. McCraw
Director