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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT MOTOR VEHICLES TDMV

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

As a Commander of the one of the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) grantees, I would like to provide some education as to status of auto crimes being committed in Texas. Auto crimes has evolved and the laws concerning the ABTPA and the Department of Motor Vehicles are struggling to keep pace. Fewer cars are being stolen with a screwdriver, now vehicles are taken through key cloning, replacing component parts of vehicles, identity theft, key fob switches and other sophisticated means. Newer vehicles are being targeted as demonstrated by the increased dollar value of stolen vehicles. Organized rings target dealerships for larger number of vehicles. Uniform Crime Rate numbers are increasing yearly in auto theft. The continuation of the ABTPA is self-evident. A merger needs to occur between the local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Motor Vehicles. The amount of unaddressed criminal fraud related to auto crimes is growing exponentially. The ABTPA through their Task Forces working in collaboration with the DMV is the only means to address this growing issue criminally. The ABTPA is hampered by the legislative guidelines put into place over 10 years ago. On a routine basis the task forces handle inquiries about odometer fraud, title washing to remove liens, registration fraud using e-tags, improper vehicle repossessions, and other violations of the Texas Transportation Code. Without this partnership identified fraud cases are difficult to pursue in the courts without a law enforcement agency's backing. Proposal 2.6 is the recommendation that can accomplish this collaboration, consideration should be given to implement this recommendation.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Expand the roll of the ABTPA Task Forces in addressing auto crimes to include all violations of the Texas Transportation Code Chapter 501 through 504.

Provide the maximum amount of funding as designated by statute for the ABTPA to fund this additional mandate.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree