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Senate of Pennsylvania

August 29, 2007

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell
Pennsylvania Governor's Office
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with the Administration's decision to proceed with the planned upgrade of the Pennsylvania State Police computer system starting next Sunday, despite the legitimate concerns raised by Pennsylvania's sportsmen and firearm dealers.

I understand and fully appreciate the need to upgrade the State Police's outdated computer infrastructure. However, I was hopeful that these internal operational needs would be balanced against the economic and constitutional concerns raised by Pennsylvania's citizens.

Your outreach to the sportsmen's community was viewed by many as a positive action. In the future, I trust outreach will be solicited in a timeframe and manner that allows the input to help shape the resulting policy.

I remain disappointed with your failure to reach a meaningful consensus among all parties affected. Your decision is unjust, and for the good of the Commonwealth, I urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisabeth Baker".

Elisabeth J. Baker
Senator