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Senator Shaffer,

I am writing to support your efforts in regards to S.B. 190. Senate Bill 190 will have an impact not only on the law enforcement officers who receive the tax credit, but the citizens they serve.

Police equipment can be expensive and small town budgets often do not cover the costs of important equipment that officers need. A simple pair of boots often runs between \$100 and \$200 dollars. A new shirt or pair of pants are \$50.00+ each. Flashlights, weapon lights, and weapon sights that make officers more proficient and help keep the public safe cost in the hundreds of dollars.

The Lancaster Police Department struggles with a tight budget like many small agencies. Most of the patrol rifles carried by our officers are privately owned and purchased. The City of Lancaster did not have the resources to purchase the weapons. These weapons can cost well over \$1000.00. A little over one half of our officers have purchased one of these weapons and have it available. I can testify that they have saved the life of at least one citizen in the four years we've had this program.

The passage of this bill will have a far reaching effect. It will get needed equipment to smaller and rural officers making the citizens they serve safer.

Respectfully,

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