



**MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
JEFFERSON CITY

June 24, 2014

Colonel Ronald K. Replogle  
Missouri State Highway Patrol  
General Headquarters  
1510 East Elm Street  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Colonel Replogle:

Unfortunately, Missouri's general revenue growth as of this morning is -.23%. The relatively recent purchase of a new \$6 million aircraft and the substantial expense of pilots, maintenance, fuel, and associated costs with nonessential air travel cannot be justified under such budget circumstances.

Therefore, until such time that we have further budget analysis and we provide you notice to the contrary, we are hereby informing you to restrict all use of state owned aircraft under the control of your agency to only emergency use or direct law enforcement use by law enforcement personnel. This restriction applies to all state aircraft under the control of the Highway Patrol regardless of whether the use is by the Patrol or any other agency or entity. So limiting the use of State-owned aircraft will help ensure that the resources it takes to maintain and operate such aircraft remain available for when they are most needed by Missouri citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We know that you and the Patrol share our concern of conserving public safety resources and equipment for when they are most needed.

Sincerely,

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Senator Kurt Schaefer  
Chairman - Senate Appropriation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Stream".

Representative Rick Stream  
Chairman - House Budget

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