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The Honorable James E. Doyle, Governor Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature Members of the Legislative Council Committee on State-Tribal Relations State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Governor Doyle and Members:

Section 165.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the Department of Justice to report on the performance of cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs receiving aid under this section. This letter constitutes our report.

This marks the nineteenth year that the Department has awarded grants for cooperative county-tribal law enforcement programs. The statutes require counties and tribes to develop **joint** program plans. The Department requires plans to include resolutions of support for the plan adopted by county boards and tribal governing bodies, to signify cooperation and mutual commitment.

This program pays for a variety of law enforcement services to Native American communities across Wisconsin. Grants have been used for the costs of patrol, investigation, crime prevention, K-9 units, information technology, law enforcement training, alternatives to drug abuse and gang involvement, diversity training, cultural awareness education, family programs and emergency equipment. An increasing number of grants are awarded to programs that include tribal police departments, while most generally help pay for services provided by county sheriffs to Native American reservations and communities.

The amount appropriated for this program in State Fiscal Year 2007 was \$708,400, an amount that has not been increased since 1995. Grant moneys come from Indian gaming receipts as appropriated in the biennial budget. For Calendar Year 2007, the Department issued 18 awards totaling \$708,400. These awards were in the following amounts:

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<u>COUNTY</u>	TRIBE	<u>2007 AWARD</u>
Ashland	Bad River Chippewa	\$53,754
Barron	St. Croix Chippewa	\$18,997
Bayfield	Red Cliff Chippewa	\$60,041
Brown	Oneida Nation	\$34,941
Burnett	St. Croix	\$ 7,832
Forest	Potawatomi	\$43,552
Forest	Sokaogon Chippewa	\$36,134
Jackson	Ho Chunk Nation	\$32,386
Juneau	Ho Chunk Nation	\$37,108
Menominee	Menominee	\$59,720
Monroe	Ho Chunk Nation	\$23,964
Outagamie	Oneida Nation	\$34,677
Sauk	Ho Chunk Nation	\$27,295
Sawyer	Lac Courte Oreilles Chippewa	\$79,586
Shawano	Ho Chunk Nation	\$17,363
Shawano	Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican	\$54,901
Vilas	Lac du Flambeau Chippewa	\$65,506
Wood	Ho Chunk Nation	\$20,643
TOTAL		\$708,400

The Department of Justice's County-Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Program continues to help local law enforcement provide needed services in Native American communities. In addition, this program helps build a cooperative atmosphere and positive relationship between law enforcement and tribal governments and communities. I am pleased to share information regarding this important program with you.

Very truly yours,

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