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**Penobscot County
Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff Troy Morton
Penobscot County Sheriff's Office
85 Hammond St.
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Sheriff Morton,

Over the past several months our agency representative, LT Michael Johnston, has met with you and your staff to discuss our need to reduce our frontline coverage commitment in Penobscot County. The Resource Coordination Agreement between our agencies has remained relatively unchanged since its inception in the late 1990's and has been expired since 2010. We have communicated on several occasions during the last several years expressing our need to mitigate our commitment to patrol coverage in Penobscot, including conversations that began with the prior Troop E Commander. Our efforts to gain legislative approval for additional headcount for frontline personnel were not successful and we must adjust operations according to current staffing, workload, and our statewide responsibilities. We cannot continue under the parameters of an agreement created over two decades ago when our staffing has diminished, and you have been successful in adding frontline personnel during that same period.

Enclosed you will find two signed copies of the updated Resource Coordination Agreement LT Johnston has outlined during your conversations, reducing State Police coverage from three zones to two. The proposed implementation date of this agreement is May 1, 2022. Absent a rebuttal proposal from your agency which results in a reduction of our coverage under different guidelines, we would ask that you retain a copy for your records and sign and return a copy for ours. We remain committed to further discussions on how we can agree to improve alignment of resources in Penobscot County. I encourage you to continue to work with Lt Johnston to discuss potential solutions. However, status quo is not a viable option.

Should you not find agreeable alternate solutions through further discussion or not return a signed copy of this proposed agreement, effective May 1, 2022, we will reluctantly have to move forward without a Resource Coordination Agreement between our agencies.

Sincerely,

Colonel John Cote
Chief, Maine State Police

CC: LT Johnston / MAJ William Ross
DPS Commissioner Michael Sauschuck
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