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TO: Commissioner Robert L. Quinn, New Hampshire Department of Safety
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Colonel Mark B. Hall, New Hampshire State Police
Colonel Kevin J. Jordan, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
Chief Steven L. Sherman, Forest Protection, New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Sheriff Brian Valerino, Coos County
All Chiefs of Police within Coos County

FROM: John M. Formella, Attorney General 

DATE: October 19, 2023

RE: Northern Border Alliance Task Force

Pursuant to RSA 21-M:3-b, and to support and carry out the Northern Border Alliance program established by the Commissioner of Safety pursuant to RSA 21-P:69, I hereby establish the Northern Border Alliance Task Force composed of state, county, and local law enforcement officers that will conduct patrols along the northern border in order to reduce the instance of crimes and illicit activity and to respond to all threats, all crimes, and all hazards. Patrols are further authorized to collect, share, and act upon criminal intelligence.

All activities, patrols and investigations performed by the Northern Border Alliance Task Force shall be under the general supervision and control of this Office. See RSA 7:8 & RSA 7:11. Participating law enforcement officers will be vested with the authority and jurisdiction, within twenty-five air miles from the Canadian border, to: (1) enforce all state criminal laws, and (2) cooperate with federal law enforcement officers in the enforcement of federal criminal laws, including those pertaining to immigration. RSA 21-M:3-b; RSA 106-B:14; 8 U.S.C. § 1357 (g) (10).

In order to become a member of the Northern Border Alliance Task Force and participate in a Northern Border Alliance patrol, law enforcement officers must be employed by a state, local or county law enforcement agency and designated to participate in training jointly conducted by this Office and the New Hampshire Division of State Police. Eligible law enforcement officers must receive approval from the chief law enforcement officer of the agency in which he or she works, receive a written designation from this Office, execute a written agreement in a form to be established by this Office, and comply with all applicable policies established by either the New Hampshire Division of State Police or this Office. Costs and expenses related to the Northern Border Alliance patrols will be funded by the Department of Safety pursuant to Department rules and RSA 21-P:69 & 70.

This memorandum establishing the Northern Border Alliance Task Force shall remain in effect unless and until it is rescinded in writing by the Attorney General.