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Secretary Chad Poppell
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Department of Management Services
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Dear Secretary Poppell,

The Florida House of Representatives has supported past funding to study options to migrate the Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) to the latest P25 open standard for our state and local law enforcement agencies. However, the recently concluded study by the accounting firm Carr, Riggs & Ingram estimates the cost of this to be more than \$940 million for a 19-year commitment. The CRI study further recommends a series of user fees for state and local agencies of more than \$36 million per year.

I am aware that Harris Corporation, the current provider of the SLERS network has offered to refresh the existing network to the latest P25 technology under its current contract at no additional cost to the State of Florida. I also understand that in order to accomplish this network refresh, a significant number of the SLERS radio fleet would need to be replaced with mobile and portable radio equipment capable of operating in dual mode operation on both P25 Phase 2 and EDACS EA in order to provide a more seamless migration. It is my understanding that the radios that would need to be replaced are already passed the industry life expectancy, and beyond the planned replacement schedule in the State's strategic plan.



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If the Department of Management Services intends to pursue the Harris offer to refresh the SLERS network to P25 under its existing contract and at no additional cost, please provide me with your preliminary evaluation and cost benefit analysis of the Harris proposal. Additionally, let me know if you agree the Legislature should move forward with the funding to refresh the inventory of radios that would allow you to pursue this option immediately with the current vendor .

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ritch Workman".

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