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Dear Attorney General Formella,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the apparent widespread non-compliance by New Hampshire law enforcement officers with RSA 265:112.

This statute requires that vehicles, including those operated by police, keep their parking lights on while stopped on the side of the road, shoulder, or median of a highway at night. As a resident of Massachusetts who frequently traverses New Hampshire highways, I have observed numerous instances where police vehicles are parked in these locations after dark without their parking lights activated, in direct violation of the law.

This practice not only undermines public trust in the consistent application of the state's laws but also raises questions about selective enforcement.

RSA 265:112 is classified as a violation-level offense, comparable to possessing a small amount of marijuana under RSA 318-B:2, yet it appears that law enforcement routinely disregards it without consequence.

If laws are to be respected and upheld, they must apply equally to all, including those tasked with enforcing them. I urge your office to investigate this issue, remind law enforcement agencies of their obligations under RSA 265:112, and ensure appropriate measures are taken to promote compliance.

Fair and impartial enforcement is essential to maintaining the integrity of our justice system.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and any actions your office may take to address this concern.

Sincerely,

Bradley R. Jardis