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To: Joe Carney

From: Lt. Mike Gute

Reference: Big Red Barrel Project

Date: June 30, 2014

The Shiawassee County Sheriff Office has been involved with the "Big Red Barrel" project for just over a year. The success of the "Big Red Barrel" project has been tremendous and a very beneficial public relations tool for our office. This program is just an expansion of the Drug Enforcement Agencies Nationwide Drug Take Back Initiative which allows residents to turn in unused prescription medication at any time to our office.

The "Big Red Barrel" project is so successful that I have to empty the contents out each month. As of this date the Shiawassee County Sheriff Office has taken back approximately 200 pounds of unused prescription medication from the street.

This program has been a great addition to our Sheriff's Office and I believe it will continue to be an asset for multiple health and safety reasons for many years to come.

We wish to thank the original creators of the "Big Red Barrel" and the Livingston County Community Alliance for all of their hard work on this project and credit the success of this initiative to their staff.

Respectfully,

Lt. Mike Gute

Uniformed Services Division

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