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of Transportation  
**Federal Highway  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear (b) (6)

This letter is in reference to your complaint of mistreatment by an officer(s) of the Washington State Patrol and/or employees of the Washington State Ferry, dated March 14, 2022, which was filed with the Washington State Department of Transportation and transferred to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Civil Rights.

After a thorough review, the FHWA has determined that it does not have jurisdiction to investigate your complaint under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The issues you raised regarding the conduct of law enforcement may be within the jurisdiction of a different federal agency. Therefore, we have forwarded your complaint to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Civil Rights for appropriate action.

Please be advised that the FHWA's Office of Civil Rights has a responsibility to investigate individual complaints of discrimination involving violations under its jurisdiction of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, and national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

If this office can be of assistance to you in any matter within the FHWA's enforcement responsibility, please contact us at (202) 366-0693 or at the address noted above.

Sincerely,

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