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LPRAC Provides Assistance to the DMV as they launch Radio Advertising Program about Select ID but has not taken an official position regarding the Select ID Program.

Hartford, CT - The State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recently started a series of statewide radio ads both in English and Spanish informing the public-at-large about a major change regarding identity verification when they renew their driver licenses and identification cards. The program is called Select ID and is designed to implement the federal mandate adopted by the Connecticut Legislature in 2008.

LPRAC was present at the roll-out of the DMV plan to provide assistance and information regarding the effect this could have on residents born in Puerto Rico who have not yet renewed their birth certificates. Although LPRAC was present, this presence in no way was an indication of approval or support of the Select ID program. Our purpose was specifically to provide assistance to the DMV on where to direct CT residents born in Puerto Rico if they cannot verify their identity because their birth certificate is no longer valid.

“The State will be complying with a new federal requirement for people requesting a Driver license which has the potential of causing major problems to people born in Puerto Rico that will not be able to get a verified license only because they were unaware that their birth certificate was no longer valid,” stated the LPRAC Chairman Isaias T. Diaz, Esq., adding that, “We are ready to work with the DMV and its staff directing people facing this problem to contact our office in Hartford at 860-240-8330 to get instructions on how to apply for their new birth certificate.”

As part of its ongoing mission, LPRAC consistently conducts outreach activities intended to raise awareness of critical issues affecting the Puerto Rican/Latino population of Connecticut.

LPRAC is a nonpartisan policy agency within the Legislative branch of government created in 1994 by an Act of the Connecticut Legislature. Under Public Act 09-07, the LPRAC consists of 21 appointed volunteers who are mandated to advise the General Assembly and the Governor on policies that foster progress in the Puerto Rican and Latino communities residing in Connecticut.