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Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Melody A. Currey

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HB 5185 – AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM ISSUING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO RESOLVING OUTSTANDING COMPLIANCE AND PAYMENT ISSUES.

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 5185, AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM ISSUING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS PRIOR TO RESOLVING OUTSTANDING COMPLIANCE AND PAYMENT ISSUES.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has concerns regarding this proposed legislation and is respectfully opposing it. The bill would prevent DMV from issuing motor vehicle registration documents prior to the customer resolving any outstanding compliance issues and the individual's payment being processed. Please note that when a motor vehicle registrant receives a renewal certificate in the mail, it clearly states on the certificate that such registration is valid only after resolving all compliance issues. The documents are mailed 45 days in advance to the registrant providing sufficient time for the person to deal with any compliance issues, such as paying outstanding municipal property taxes on the vehicle.

This proposal would require DMV to significantly alter its current registration renewal process at substantial expense. For example, under the current registration renewal system, when a customer renews his registration through the mail, such payment is processed through DMV's automated lockbox system that deposits the funds upon receipt. The lockbox system cannot determine whether a customer has any unresolved compliance issues prior to depositing the customer's funds.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to this legislation.

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