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BY MAIL AND EMAIL

Dear Mr. Craddock:

I am writing in response to the July 11, 2025 authorization that you issued, which provides for an extension to August 31, 2025 of all Rhode Island vehicle registrations set to expire on July 31, 2025.

We appreciate the Division's decision to extend the deadline for all registrations affected by the DMV's mail vendor delays in sending out registration renewal notices. However, we believe many people are unaware of this delay and, absent receipt of a timely notice sent out by the vendor, they may not realize that their registration is expiring, much less that this extension has been granted.

More to the point, we believe that, absent formal notification, the same lack of knowledge may hold true for police departments across the state. We therefore want to ensure that your action has been, or will be, formally circulated to all the municipal police departments and State Police barracks so that they do not erroneously pull over vehicles or issue citations due to an allegedly expired registration that in fact has been validly extended.

To that end, we would be interested in learning whether the DMV has taken steps to make sure police officials are aware of this situation so that they can apprise their officers of the extension you have issued. If not, we encourage you to do so at the earliest possible opportunity. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, and I look forward to hearing back from you about it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Brown".

Steven Brown
Executive Director

cc: The Hon. Daniel McKee
Claire Richards
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