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The Honorable Governor Ned Lamont
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont,

As the state of Connecticut continues to make great strides in re-opening, and thankfully experiencing decreased cases of hospitalizations and deaths due to Covid-19, I write to you today to seek details on plans to re-open the state Department of Motor Vehicles to the public.

As one of the most frequented agencies by members of the public, it is vital that we work to return in person services to DMV offices statewide. While I recognize that some work can be done online or by sending in paperwork through the U.S. mail, I have been hearing from many constituents that there is a significant time delay in getting even simple things like a registration processed. It is also important to note that while many people do have access to the internet, there are many in our state that do not have this same access and are being shut out of these essential state services.

Over the past several weeks, we have seen businesses rise to the occasion and implement the various safeguards and procedures intended to keep customers and employees safe and healthy. There is no reason that these same processes cannot be put into place in our regional DMV offices for the benefit of our hard-working DMV employees and the many state citizens that rely upon their services.

By your own recent comments, approximately 95% of the state's economy is open as of Phase 2. Considering this, I am urging you to recognize the importance of the DMV to the economy of the state of Connecticut and to our residents. It is time that we work to re-open these offices and allow our residents the ability to access these essential services in person once again. I appreciate your attention to this concern and remain available to speak with you further on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin Witkos
State Senator, 8th District

Cc. Commissioner Sibongile Magubane, Department of Motor Vehicles