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MEMORANDUM

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To: Senate Committee on Transportation
Thru: Chairman Raymond Shaffer
Subject: Assembly Bill 30

During the hearing on Assembly Bill 30 on Thursday, April 17th, I was asked my thoughts about this bill. I stated to the Committee that I fully support the refund issue and recognize that we need to find a solution to getting new residents to transfer their out of state registrations over to Nevada. Certainly both issues represent much needed revenue for the State. I stated that DMV is only one piece of the solution, and that I'm not sure that requiring a new resident to register all their vehicles when they obtain a driver license is the answer. It may be a small part of the solution, but perhaps it would be more appropriate to say a "small part of the solution with consequences".

Part of my job is to provide Legislative Committees with information so that informed decisions can be made when deliberating the merits of pending legislation. During the hearing I inferred possible consequences to the DMV Field Offices. With a new resident arriving at the DMV office with the sole intention of only getting a driver license, that new resident will likely not be prepared to fulfill the requirements for registering a vehicle. Chances are this customer:

1. will not have Nevada insurance on all his vehicles,
2. will not have had the vehicles smogged if he lives in Washoe or Clark County,
3. does not know the vehicle identification number (VIN) of all his vehicles, thereby will not be able to give the DMV Technician the necessary information for a registration fee estimate and,
4. will not have all the vehicles out in the DMV parking lot so that the mandatory inspection can be done.

The bill, as written, places a hardship on new residents by requiring all their vehicles to be registered when they obtain a driver license. The reality of such a requirement on a new resident is that we will significantly increase wait times and we will have given the customer every reason to

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be very frustrated with the Department. The customer will leave the office, denied the ability to obtain a driver license and no vehicles will have been registered. What have we accomplished besides upsetting the customers and not collecting the revenue? We have provided another reason for customers to complain. The work that we have put into improving the services being provided by DMV is unraveled.

I encourage the Committee to consider the practical side and overall implications of this requirement on a new resident to Nevada. This is an enforcement issue not a registration issue. The existing laws now require registration of all vehicles within 30 days. Enforcement of these current laws would appear to be less convoluted and a more productive approach.

My hope is that this memo provides the Committee with a better understanding of possible consequences to DMV field offices. I will be in attendance at the work session on April 22nd should the committee have any additional questions.

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