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Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton
House Legislative Oversight Committee
228 Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Via Email

Dear The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton:

I am pleased to inform you that last week the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) completed Recommendation #4 from the Legislative Oversight Committee's 2019 study of the agency. That recommendation reads:

"Post online information about motor vehicle dealers, including a searchable list of licensed dealers and an indication of which dealers have been cited for licensure violations, to help inform consumers' purchasing decisions."

In your 2019 report, this is listed as a consumer protection, and I cannot agree more. Purchasing a vehicle is frequently one of the greatest investments a person makes in his or her lifetime. By providing this additional level of transparency to the citizens of the Palmetto State, I am proud that the DMV can empower potential car buyers by showing them honest and reputable dealers in this state with histories of compliance and the rule of law. Simultaneously, I take pride in knowing that we are providing an additional layer of protection to those same citizens against bad actors or those who disregard the measures in place to keep consumers safe from the start.

To view the list in its entirety, visit <http://scdmvonline.com/Business-Customers/Dealers/View-Dealer-License-Information>.

Sincerely,


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