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Commissioner Michael Bzdyra
Department of Motor Vehicles
60 State Street
Wethersfield, CT 06161

Dear Commissioner Bzdyra,

The district that I represent encompasses southern Hamden, including the Hamden DMV facility on State Street. My constituents, and other area citizens, are unfortunately familiar with the long lines and wait times that can occur at that facility. The decision to terminate DMV's relationship with AAA Northeast and the Department of Motor has exacerbated that problem.

I find it hard to understand why you refused to allow AAA Northeast at least to continue providing license renewals and registration services for its many area members, which would alleviate some of the burden on the Hamden DMV staff. This decision is even more perplexing in light of the fact that AAA Northeast was willing to pay the State several hundred thousand dollars a year for the use of DMV hardware and software to perform those services.

This seems to me to be a classic example of cutting off your nose to spite your face.

I would urge you and the Department of Motor Vehicles to either re-open discussions with AAA Northeast or, as Senate Majority Leader Duff has suggested, quickly finding a new private vendor to take over providing these services.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael D'Agostino", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

State Representative Michael D'Agostino