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RE: Financial Responsibility Requirements and State Vehicles

Dear Mr. Judah:

State-owned vehicles are exempt from the financial responsibility requirements contained in the Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act, Chapter 601, Texas Transportation Code, pursuant to §601.007, which states:

Section 601.007. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER TO GOVERNMENT VEHICLES.

- (a) This chapter does not apply to a government vehicle.
- (b) The provisions of this chapter, other than Section 601.004, do not apply to an officer, agent, or employee of the United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state while operating a government vehicle in the course of that person's employment.
- (c) The provisions of this chapter, other than Sections 601.004 and 601.054, do not apply to a motor vehicle that is subject to Chapter 643.
- (d) In this section, "government vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned by the United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state.

A state employee driving a state vehicle in the course of state employment should not be subject to receiving a citation under Texas Transportation Code §601.191 for failure to comply with financial responsibility requirements. I am available to answer any questions related to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura L. Messina".

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