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FW: *** PAOLMA CALL TO ACTION *******

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Dear PAOLMA Member,

As the 2019-2020 session of the PA General Assembly winds to its November 30, 2020 close, the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania On-Line Messengers Association (PAOLMA) is asking for your personal involvement and effort in helping pass and enact either **Senate Bill 954** or **House Bill 1509** into law. Both bills require PennDOT to reinstitute the placement of registration stickers on the rear license plates of all vehicles registered in Pennsylvania. Passage of either bill is a victory for PAOLMA.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?????

SB 954, PN 1371 (Senator Kim Ward-R- Westmoreland County)- this bill is on the voting calendar of the **Senate** for a final vote of the chamber. There is no plan to hold a vote on this bill in the Senate until, if at all, after Election Day, November 3, 2020. While the Senate is currently scheduled only to convene on November 10, 2020, it is possible that other days will be added to their session calendar in November. A Senate vote on SB 954 and passage of the bill in the Senate on one of those days would be PAOLMA's goal.

1. **Please contact the State Senator who represents the location of any/all stores you operate and your residence.**
 - A. If your Senator is a Republican ask her/him to contact Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman (R-State College/Bellefonte) (717-787-1377; 814-355-0477; jcorman@pasen.gov) to request Majority Leader Corman to run the bill for a vote in the Senate immediately upon their return to session in November;
 - B. If your Senator is a Democrat ask her/him to contact Senate Minority Leader Jay Costa (D-Pittsburgh) (717-787-7683; 412-241-6690; costa@pasenate.com) with the same request as above;
 - C. Please contact any State Senator who represents the location of your store(s), the location of your residence, and the location of any of your employees' residence;
 - D. If your employees are willing to contact the State Senator who represents their residence please encourage them to do so making the same requests outlined in 1A and 1B above;
 - E. Contacts are best made by calling your identified Senator, emailing that Senator, or, best yet, meeting with that Senators (Republicans seem willing to hold face-to-face meetings during Covid-19. Democrats seem to prefer virtual contacts. Use your judgement, do what makes you feel most comfortable and safe, and please do not force face-to-face meetings.)
 - F. In addition to asking your Senator-contacts to lobby the Majority and Minority Leader for a vote on the bill in November, BE CERTAIN to explain the need for the bill and BE CERTAIN to ask them if they will support the bill and vote "YES" on it when it is brought up for a vote in November. Talking Points will be provided to you shortly.

G. PLEASE BEGIN CONTACTING YOUR SENATORS TODAY AND CONTINUE TO REMIND THEM THROUGH NOVEMBER 10th-the next scheduled Senate Session Day! Having several contacts with the same Senator over the coming three weeks is optimum. Even if you are not located in or near their districts you may contact Senators Corman and Costa at any time and ask them to support and run the bill in November. You are free to discuss your business with them or their staff so they understand how important this bill is to you.

HB 1509, PN 1894 (Representative Barry Jozwiak-R- Berks County)- this bill is on the voting calendar of the **House of Representatives** for a final vote of the chamber. Much like the Senate, there is no plan to hold a vote on this bill in the House until, if at all, after Election Day, November 3, 2020. Like the Senate, the House is currently scheduled only to convene on November 10, 2020. It is possible that other days will be added to their session calendar in November. A House vote on HB 1509 and passage of the bill in the House on one of those days would be PAOLMA's goal.

2. Please contact the State Representative who represents the location of any/all stores you operate and your residence.

- A. If your Representative is a Republican ask her/him to contact Speaker of the House Bryan Cutler (R-Quarryville)(717-783-6424; 717-284-1965; bcutler@pahousegop.com) and House Majority Leader Kerry Benninghoff (R-Bellefonte) (717-783-1918; 814-355-1300; kbenning@pahousegop.com) to request the Speaker and Majority Leader to run the bill for a vote in the House immediately upon their return to session in November;
- B. If your Representative is a Democrat ask her/him to contact House Minority Leader Frank Dermody (D-Oakmont)(717-787-3566; 724-274-4770; fdermody@pahouse.net) with the same request as above;
- C. Please contact any State Representative who represents the location of your store(s), the location of your residence, and the location of your employees' residence;
- D. If your employees are willing to contact the State Representative who represents their residence please encourage them to do so making the same requests outlined in 2A and 2B above;
- E. See subsection **1E** above as it is applicable to your contacts with State Representative just as it is for contacts with your State Senator;
- F. In addition to asking your Representative-contacts to lobby the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader for a vote on the bill in November, **BE CERTAIN** to explain the need for the bill and **BE CERTAIN** to ask them if they will support the bill and vote "YES" on it when it is brought up for a vote in November. Talking Points will be provided to you shortly;
- G. PLEASE BEGIN CONTACTING YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TODAY AND CONTINUE TO REMIND THEM THROUGH NOVEMBER 10th**- the next scheduled House Session Day!! Having several contacts with the same Representative over the coming three weeks is optimum. Even if you are not located in or near their districts you may call Representatives Cutler, Benninghoff and Dermody at any time and ask them to support and run the bill in November. You are free to discuss your business with them or their staff so they understand how important this bill is to you.

PAOLMA GOALS SUPPORTED BY YOUR ACTION

- 1. Run SB 954 in the Senate and run HB 1509 in the House for Final Passage on the first scheduled session day held in November after Election Day;**
- 2. Pass SB 954 in the Senate and Pass HB 1509 when the vote occurs;**
- 3. Each individual Senator and each individual Representative with whom you communicate should commit to you that she/he will vote "YES" on the bill in their chamber.**

FINAL THOUGHTS

There is opposition to both SB 954 and HB 1509 from PennDOT, the PA Motor Truck Association, the PA Manufactured Housing Association, the PA Bus Association and the PA State Police. Please use the "Talking Points" (to be sent to you shortly) as your guide to persuade Senators and Representatives. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jo Naccarato (jo@paautolicensebrokers.com), Carol Flament (carolflament@hotmail.com), or Bob Taylor (rst@cameron-companies.com).

Please keep copious notes of each conversation you have with any Senator, Representative or their staff members, and please provide email reports to Jo, Carol or Bob of their comments and commitments made to you.

If you are having difficulty identifying the State Senator or State Representative who represents your stores or residences please feel free to email Bob Taylor and he will help you locate that Member of the General Assembly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, EFFORT AND FINAL PUSH TO HAVE ONE OF THESE BILLS ENACTED.

The Board of Directors

PA On-Line Messengers Association