Dear Members,

As we head into the summer months, we wanted to provide an update on the key initiatives the Pennsylvania Online Messenger Association has been working on for you and our industry.

Since our last update at the Annual Conference in October, your Board has held multiple meetings with PennDOT officials and state legislators to address the challenges facing Online Messengers, particularly the transition requiring all agents to utilize integrator systems for transactions, the phase-out of green screens, and the conversion of plate inventory.

PennDOT is working with integrators to require document scanning for certain transactions. While this may seem like a big and potentially costly shift, it's a natural step in the continued modernization of our operations and will ultimately improve the service we deliver to our customers.

Another significant update relates to our contract structure with PennDOT. The department is currently reviewing the various agreements in place and is expected to move toward a more streamlined model. This future approach would likely involve fewer contracts, with service levels determined by an agent's experience and their ability to meet specific requirements. We will share additional details as more information becomes available.

We're proud to announce a major legislative win. In partnership with Senator Marty Flynn, Senate Bill 997 has been passed and signed into law by Governor Shapiro. This law establishes a permanent seat for a Pennsylvania Online Messenger Association Board Member on the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee, reinforcing our industry's importance and ensuring our voice is represented in decisions affecting motor carrier safety and our commercial customers.

In addition, we have continued to advocate for our members by engaging with both Democratic and Republican leaders on the House and Senate Transportation Committees. These relationships are critical, and SB 997 demonstrates what we can accomplish together in Harrisburg.

None of this progress would be possible without the support of our members and the ongoing advocacy efforts led by Matt Fine. We thank you for your continued involvement and commitment.

As we move forward, your engagement remains essential. If you are experiencing issues with PennDOT, have questions, or would like the Board to address a specific concern, please reach out to any Board member. We encourage you to connect with your local State Representatives and Senators to help educate them about the importance of our industry.

Most importantly, please ensure your membership dues are current and consider contributing to our advocacy fund. These contributions are vital to sustaining the progress we've made and continuing to advance our shared interests.

Wishing you a safe, successful, and enjoyable summer.

Best regards,
Pennsylvania Online Messenger Association