

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Anne Ferro, President and CEO American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators 4401 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 700 Arlington, VA 22203

Dear Ms. Ferro,

On June 21, a horrific motor vehicle crash occurred in the town of Randolph, New Hampshire killing seven innocent lives. Subsequently we have learned that the driver involved should have had his license suspended. The crash, and the circumstances that unfolded after the crash, are making all of us take a close look at our internal processes to ensure the integrity and completeness of our records.

While I am in a position to affect the laws and the public safety policy for license holders in the State of New Hampshire, I am looking to you for leadership to help drive the efforts across the nation to improve the consistency of processes among all states.

As the leader of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA), an organization with a vision of safe drivers, safe vehicles, secure identities, and saving lives, you can appreciate the direct impact of policy and administrative procedures on the safety of our roads. AAMVA's policy position supports the exchange of driver record information between jurisdictions, including driving records, convictions, and withdrawals, in order to improve highway safety efforts.

In light of the events in New Hampshire, I want to ensure that as a nation, we are doing everything we can to improve our processes to prevent similar events from occurring in the future. We need to ensure uniformity and consistency among all states. I believe it will take a focused and collaborative approach led by your organization.

I urge AAMVA to focus on unifying the jurisdictions' process around the State to State system and replacing the Driver Licensing Agreement, Drivers Compact and Nonresident violators compact with a single, clear, and concise agreement.

As a leader of AAMVA, I implore you Ms. Ferro, to mobilize your members and undertake this effort right away. This month's Annual Conference in Omaha, Nebraska presents the perfect opportunity. New Hampshire's Commissioner of Department of Safety, Robert

Quinn, and representatives from our Motor Vehicle Division will be attending and look forward to participating in these discussions.

We can and must work together to provide the leadership necessary to help ensure safety on our roads.

Sincerely,

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