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Commissioner Fulton,

For over two years now, New Jerseyans have suffered through the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that has crippled us as a Nation. School shutdowns, limited government services, business closures; all things that hurt us individually, that were implemented to “slow the spread.”

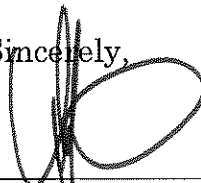
However, over twenty-six months later, one could agree that the steps that were taken then, don’t and should not exist now. Schools have been open and operational for some time now, with most operating without masks for students and faculty. We have resumed “normalcy” in as many aspects of the world as we can. For some reason though, there are still many areas that have been ignored, or forgotten about being told to go back to business as usual.

Here, in Atlantic County, our residents have suffered more than most. Our unemployment numbers have remained amongst the highest in the state. Our two main industries here, casino gaming and tourism, were impacted tremendously by shutdowns, capacity limitations and more. When you add in the pressure of inflation and some of the highest gas prices we have seen in history, most of our residents are lucky to be able to even transport themselves to and from work.

With all that being said, we must question why is it that Atlantic County’s Motor Vehicle agency, located in Cardiff, is still a “license only” facility? Again, we are fully aware of the restrictions that were deemed as necessary to deal with an unprecedented event like COVID in March of 2020, however in May of 2022, there is no reason that Atlantic County residents must drive, at least, thirty-three miles to process a vehicle transaction. Moreover, Atlantic County is one of the few counties in the state that does not have two agencies in county, or within a reasonable distance. Additionally, there are zero vehicle transaction agencies in the four most southern counties of Atlantic, Cape, Cumberland, and Salem.

On behalf of the of the nearly 265,000 residents of Atlantic County, we implore you to reopen the Cardiff Motor Vehicle Agency to process ALL transactions. Allow our agency to serve as a local destination for Southern New Jersey residents so that they may complete their transactions, follow the laws set forth regarding motor vehicles, and so that they might be able to do this without breaking the bank in fuel costs.

Sincerely,



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