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Mr. Peters:

Thank you for your prompt response dated Oct. 15, 2014. There is one point that I believe may still be unclear as a result of our incorrectly referring to the Clear Lake office as a DMV office, rather than a DPS office.

As mentioned in our previous letter, Ms. Marguerite Buster, customer relations coordinator at the DPS Driver License Division, stated in her 2012 letter to THSC that the VOE form "is still acceptable as long as it is presented along with all other necessary documentation to obtain a Learner License."

However, most recently, when THSC reached out to Ms. Buster regarding the complications that home schoolers have had when trying to use the VOE form, Ms. Buster informed THSC, via an email sent August 25, 2014, that, "The VOE form is not acceptable at any time as a supporting document for use to show identity." This would be a reversal of the policy stated in the letter that she wrote in 2012.

Additionally, in 2008 and 2003, when THSC contacted DPS about this issue, Judy E. Brown, who was DPS chief of the Driver License Division at the time, clarified that the VOE form was acceptable for supporting identification. Ms. Brown stated in both letters that, "The Department considers the Verification of Enrollment Form a school record. Therefore, it is acceptable as a supporting document under our identification policy."

In your previous response, it appeared that you reversed Ms. Buster's recent comments when you stated, "The VOE is useful for limited purposes, including verification of enrollment and, as you noted, a supporting document for identity but cannot be used for proof of residency." Due to the apparent discrepancy between what Ms. Buster stated to THSC via email and previous DPS policy, we would appreciate a final clarification on this issue, as some officials have stated that this long-standing policy, outlined by the 2012, 2008, and 2003 letters from DPS, is no longer in effect.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert, President

CC: Governor Rick Perry; Mr. Steve McGraw, Commissioner of Public Safety; Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst; Ms. Marguerite Buster, Customer Relations Coordinator, Texas Department of Public Safety; State Representative Larry Phillips; State Senator Robert Nichols; Texas home schoolers