



Via Electronic Mail - April 8, 2020

Dear Ms. Rhodes,

I am writing to follow up to my March 31st, 2020 email to share with you the attached letter sent to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators signed by over 50 diverse organizations urging the AAMVA to ask its member agencies to take emergency measures to reduce debt-based driver's license suspensions for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis.

I also want to share with you the current status of efforts to address driver's license suspension at county or circuit wide-levels, which highlights the need for a statewide moratorium on debt-based license suspension.

- The [2nd Judicial Circuit](#) authorized Clerks of Court to postpone driver license suspensions for non-court ordered sanctions in all civil traffic cases for the duration of the public health emergency.
- The [7th Judicial Circuit](#) directed the Clerks of Court to cease issuance of D-6 driver license suspensions.
- The [15th Judicial Circuit](#) has prohibited the Clerk and Comptroller's Office from issuing D-6 license suspensions or defaulting anyone on civil or criminal traffic violations until further order of the Court.
- The [17th Judicial Circuit](#) Clerk of Court shall not issue a D-6 license suspension or default any defendant on any civil traffic infraction or default or issue a D-6 license suspension on any defendant who is currently on a payment plan until further order of the court.
- The [Indian River](#) Clerk has suspended driver license suspensions and is not sending accounts to collections until further notice.

A statewide policy from the FLHSMV issuing a statewide moratorium on driver's license suspension for unpaid fines and fees, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order 20-52, would provide much needed uniformity and stability across the state. This will help keep our citizens safe and able meet their basic needs, including access to health care, testing, and essential supplies.

Thank you for doing all you can do to alleviate the impacts of COVID-19 across Florida. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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