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Good morning Chairwoman Huntington and Committee members. My name is Donna Shelite and I serve as the Director of Vehicles for the Department of Revenue. Thank you for allowing me to appear before your committee today.

In late 2011 the Department of Revenue's Division of Vehicles completed the state wide rollout of the photo-first technology. This technology allows us to capture the photo of the applicant as a first step in the process of a Driver's License application. It also allows for the electronic capture of identity documents and more effectively verify these documents are valid documents, for proof of lawful presence for driver's licenses, as required by law.

Currently we are in the process of integrating this photo-first technology into our state's larger DMV modernization project which we anticipate implementing in late spring of 2012. While there are always possibilities of delays, at this time we believe June 15, 2012, is a reasonable date by which we should be able to confidentially and securely share driver's license proof of identity documents as allowed by law, with election officials in the Secretary of State's office.

Once again thank you for your time, I will now stand for questions.