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Mr. Dorais:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a written update from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to the Bureau of Automotive Repair. Below a list of Department news, activities, and important recent events:

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018

This past year, we convened nine licensing and enforcement workgroup meetings; three Substance Abuse Coordination Committee meetings; four Directors' Quarterly meetings; and two Director's Board Member and Advisory Committee Leadership teleconferences. These activities not only brought us together to promote open dialogue among the Department's boards and bureaus but also promoted collaboration to further our mission in protecting California's consumers.

DCA: ANNUAL REPORT

DCA's 2018 Annual Report is now available online. The report contains statistical and financial record of the work that the Department and its boards and bureaus have achieved over the last year. When you have a moment, I invite you to go to the DCA website and peruse the document.

TRANSITION AND GOVERNOR'S BUDGET

As you all know, Monday, January 7th marked a new era for our state, as Governor Newsom was sworn-in as the 40th Governor of California.

We, at DCA, are honored and excited to be a part of this new team. Our department is looking forward to doing all that we can to further the Governor's vision.

The Department has met with the transition team and many new (and some familiar) faces that have been appointed to new positions within the Governor's Office.

As for our current appointees, there is nothing you need to do other than continuing the service and great work you all have been doing on this bureau. We intend to not miss a beat with the new team the Governor has assembled, and we will be in touch with them regarding appointment vacancies and pending re-appointments in the near future.

BUDGET

On January 10, the Governor released his budget, outlining his fiscal priorities for the State. Based on the driving idea of California for All, the Governor's Budget proposes to pay down debts and pension obligations, continues to build up robust budget reserves, while making significant investments in housing, childcare, healthcare, prescription drugs, preschool and higher education.

On the day the budget was released, we held a teleconference with board leadership, executive officers, and bureau chiefs to discuss the Governor's 2019-2020 Proposed Budget and to review proposals within the budget specific to the Department. Our Fiscal Operations team will follow up with each program in the coming weeks to discuss individual budgets in greater detail.

DCA SUPPORT: AB 2138

Because AB 2138 affects nearly every board and bureau, the Department has taken steps to support our programs to achieve a successful implementation. DCA provided programs with a draft timeline to stay on track for a July 2020 implementation date. Important to note that, to stay on track, action will be required by all programs by May 2019. DCA Legal's preliminary assessment is that AB 2138 might take approximately 50 regulations packages to implement. The Legal Affairs division is developing model regulations to share with programs to create uniformity. Where feasible, DCA will take the lead on collecting data for the reporting requirements and complete one report to the legislature.

Please let us know if the Department can be of service to your bureau. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Christopher.Castrillo@DCA.ca.gov.

All the best,



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