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Hon. Timothy Kennedy, Senator  
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Dear Chairman Kennedy:

Thank you for following up on my request earlier this year to hold a public hearing in Albany on the need to address oversight of the limousine industry and your leadership in passing a holistic package of bills in the Senate to address this public safety issue and hopefully we can get these reforms in place sooner rather than later. I am now writing to respectfully request that the NYS Senate Standing Committee on Transportation hold public hearings, including one in Albany, to examine the proposed replacement of all current blue and white New York State license plates, and eventually the gold plates, with a new design and the costs of those new plates.

As I'm sure you are aware, the Governor has announced that under his plan, starting in April 2020, many New Yorkers will have to begin to turn in their current license plates and pay a \$25 new license plate fee and an additional \$20 if they want to keep their current plate number. According to Part H of state budget bill A.159B of 2009, the state can charge up to \$25 for new license plates but they are not required to. In fact, former Governor David Paterson, reversed his plan to charge the \$25 fee after widespread opposition from the public and their elected representatives in the legislature. Enclosed is an analysis my office has done as we can't get the complete information from the DMV. As you can see, research from my office indicates that the cost of a license plate is \$1.15 per plate.

Since the Governor is currently asking the public to vote for their favorite new plate design, I believe, it makes sense to ask the public whether they support paying for this license plate fee and also bring the DMV in to justify these costs and ask why the state isn't recouping costs from the previous license plate vendor, 3M, which by many accounts, has produced an inferior, shoddy product that is causing license plates to peel and fade.

Rest assured, as I was in attendance for your limo hearing, I will be there for this DMV license plate hearing. Thank you for your consideration of this request, as we work together to investigate the costs associated with the production of these license plates and help protect taxpayers from further hardship.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James N. Tedisco". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

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