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State of Oklahoma

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***Via Email***

Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma  
c/o Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr.

**Re: Motor Vehicle Licensing/Registration Compacts between the State of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma**

Dear Chief Hoskin:

The end of the current motor vehicle licensing/registration compacts is quickly approaching. Since we haven't heard from the Cherokee Nation, I am reaching out in hopes of executing an extension, thereby allowing additional time to negotiate another long-term deal.

There is one item the State needs to address, now, so that the State does not suffer a revenue loss associated with Cherokee Nation tags. As we know, all drivers on Oklahoma's turnpikes are subject to tolls. For vehicles without a PIKEPASS, tolls are now collected by PlatePay, a digital system which enables the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) to photograph a vehicle's license plate and send the vehicle's registered owner an invoice. Cherokee Nation license plate information, which is currently made available to the Department of Public Safety, isn't accessible to the OTA. As a result, the state is unable to send invoices, which adversely affects toll collections.

As you will see in the attached, we have incorporated amendatory language to address this issue. The compact terms would otherwise remain unchanged for a year or until an agreement is reached otherwise.

We look forward to getting this extension in place very soon, given upcoming deadlines contained in the current compact. If you find it satisfactory, please sign and return an executed copy to my Office. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or to further discuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Stitt".

J. Kevin Stitt  
Governor

Enclosure