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Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 7:40 AM
To: London, Sarah
CC: Gearson, Brian; Gabel, Patricia; Campbell, Heather M
Subject: FW: revenue impact from DLS proposal

Sarah and all –

It appears that Outlook did not successfully deliver this message last Thursday, so I'm re-sending.

Matt

From: Riven, Matt
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 1:33 PM
To: London, Sarah
Cc: Gabel, Patricia; Gearson, Brian; Campbell, Heather M
Subject: revenue impact from DLS proposal

Sarah:

I know that you and Judge Gearson have spoken regarding the policy implications of an "amnesty day" for Driving with License Suspended (DLS). I just wanted to close the loop regarding the financial implications.

I apologize in advance if my wording is not precisely in line with the statutory violations, but I think I'm understanding the revenue streams correctly.

We collect relatively little regarding criminal DLS, so any fiscal impact from amnesty for that penalty would be relatively small.

We do collect significant revenues for the civil infractions for driving with a suspended license (which I believe has a different name than DLS). We cannot easily identify that amount within total civil infraction revenue with our current legacy case management system. However, the persons who would likely take advantage of the amnesty are also those for whom we likely have a lower collection rate, so the impact from the amnesty is likely smaller than it would be relative to our total civil infractions collection. It is also unknown whether an amnesty would inhibit future collection efforts and rates – either constructively, by getting people out from under recurring DLS infractions; or negatively, by sending a message that possible future amnesty actions make nonpayment a smart strategy.

Any impact from an amnesty would include transportation fund, general fund, municipal pool, individual municipalities, tech fund, victims/restitution fund – depending on the underlying infraction (and any associated surcharges).

Hope this helps; regret that we can't be more specific.

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