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Mr. Ron J. Melancon, President
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Dear Mr. Melancon:

Governor Kaine has asked me to thank you for and respond to your letter and accompanying DVD regarding the dangers of passenger vehicles that tow trailers less than 3,000 pounds.

There were 820 lives lost on Virginia roadways in 2008. While this was a significant decrease from previous years, the Department of Motor Vehicles, in partnership with Virginia State Police and its non-profit partners, are undertaking several focused initiatives to prevent this needless loss of lives. Initiatives to correct dangerous driving behaviors include high visibility enforcement efforts, such as Check Point Strike Force and Operation Air, Land and Speed.

I have forwarded your letter to Mr. John Saunders, Director of DMV's Virginia Highway Safety Office, who shares the responsibility of developing public information and enforcement campaigns with our State and non-profit partners. Additionally, if you would like to pursue legislation regarding passenger vehicles that tow trailers, I recommend that you contact your elected state senator, Senator Walter A. Stosch, 4551 Cox Road, Suite 110, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060-6740.

Thank you again for writing Governor Kaine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pierce R. Homer".

Pierce R. Homer

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