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Good Morning Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee. My name is Dennis Colling. I am Chief of Administration for the Department of Motor Vehicles. I am here today to respond to questions about SB-149.

This bill does authorize the Department to adopt regulations and there will be a cost to the Department for the adoption of the regulations.

I guess that my testimony is really a number of rhetorical questions that this bill gives rise to. The way that I read the bill is that this does not require the Department to allow advertisements. But it does allow the Department to promulgate regulations for this purpose. All of the funds collected by the Department will be required to be turned over to the Treasurer for deposit to the General Fund. The cost of collecting and handling these funds is not addressed in the bill.

What the bill does not do is address the use of advertisements in the Department mailings. One of the important issues for the Department would be the ability to recoup the Department's costs associated with the numerous mailings that the Department is required to undertake. I do not believe that this bill addresses the issue of recouping mailing costs through the use of mail insert or other advertisements within the mailings of the Department.

A question to be asked is does this bill allow political advertising? Another is does this bill allow sensitive public policy issues such as the abortion question to be advertised at the DMV?