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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION **REGARDING NEW CLASSIFICATION FOR PICKUP or PANEL TRUCKS**

TO: OWNER OF A TRUCK HAVING A GROSS WEIGHT OF MORE THAN 7,500 POUNDS BUT LESS THAN 10,001 POUNDS USED FOR PERSONAL USE (NOT BUSINESS USE)

Per Virginia's new law (effective July 1, 2016) "***pickup or panel truck***" means:

- (1) every motor vehicle designed for the transportation of property and having a registered gross weight of 7,500 pounds or less **OR**
 - (2) every motor vehicle registered for personal use, designed to transport property on its own structure independent of any other vehicle, and having a registered gross weight in excess of 7,500 pounds but not in excess of 10,000 pounds.
- If your truck meets one of these definitions, you *may* qualify under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act ("PPTRA") to pay less taxes. Under PPTRA, VA subsidizes the tax on personal use vehicle assessments below \$20,000. Taxpayer must pay the full amount of taxes on any vehicle assessment that exceeds \$20,000.
 - State directly pays local VA governments a subsidy in lieu of the personal property taxes they would have collected directly from taxpayers. Rates are subject to change annually. Law stipulates that if growth in State revenue does not reach certain levels, the amount of State subsidy can be frozen at the current level & capped at a fixed amount to be distributed among qualifying vehicles in each jurisdiction.
 - In order to qualify for PPTRA, **you *must*** first have your vehicle *reclassified* as a "pickup" with DMV. This means you must notify DMV to reclassify it and obtain new license plates (passenger standard issued or special interest plates) any time before your registration expires. To do this, you can visit the local DMV Winchester Customer Service Center at 4050 Valley Pike in Kernstown (Hours: Mon-Fri – 8 am to 5 pm / Sat – 8 am – 12 noon) or call DMV at 804-497-7100.

IMPORTANT: Once DMV has changed your classification to a pickup, you must notify the Commissioner's office so we can update your account record & determine if you qualify for PPTRA. Please call us at the general number – 540-722-8324 **OR** contact the appropriate Commissioner staff member using the first letter of your last name as follows:

Jessica Veach	540-722-8376:	Last Name / Beginning Letters A – D
Michelle Johnson	540-722-8269:	Last Name / Beginning Letters E – J
Rhonda Greenfield	540-722-8333:	Last Name / Beginning Letters K – R
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.