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Dear Business Owner/Manager:

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is reaching out to provide clarity and assurance regarding the use and acceptance of the Virginia Mobile ID for identity and age verification purposes. Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia authorizes DMV to issue valid driver's licenses and identification credentials, including electronic versions. The Virginia Mobile ID is an electronic credential as defined by Virginia Code § 46.2-225, and the program complies with the Electronic Identity Management Act.

Virginia Code §§ 46.2-225 through 46.2-230 authorizes both the issuance and acceptance of electronic credentials. Under this authority, DMV issues the Virginia Mobile ID as an official form of identification. A Virginia Mobile ID may be used for identification and age verification and is considered a valid form of ID when presented in accordance with applicable law. Virginia law also states that any requirement to display or carry a physical credential may also be satisfied by displaying or carrying an approved electronic credential issued by DMV (the Virginia Mobile ID). Accordingly, Virginia Mobile ID carries the same legal authority as its physical counterpart, subject to any conditions and limitations set forth in the Code of Virginia.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring safe and lawful verification practices across the Commonwealth. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Visit dmv.virginia.gov/mobileID or contact DMV at VAMobileID@dmv.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Saundra M. Jack".

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