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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

ACTION REFERRAL

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Bushling	9-13-06

DIRECTOR'S USE ONLY	ACTION REQUESTED
1. LOG NUMBER 000243	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for the Director's signature DATE DUE _____
2. DATE SIGNED BY DIRECTOR cc: Singleton, Mr. Terry Change to ALRA per Susan Bushling on 11/27/06	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare reply for appropriate signature DATE DUE 9-22-06 <input type="checkbox"/> FOIA DATE DUE _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Necessary Action

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CHESTERFIELD COUNTY DELEGATION,
CHAIRMAN

September 11, 2006

MuMin AbdulRazzaq
Medicaid Transportation Program
P.O. 8206
Columbia, SC 29202-8206

Dear Mr. AbdulRazzaq:

I am writing with a few concerns that I have for the private driver providers in Chesterfield County. It has been brought to my attention that the private drivers are receiving 32 cents for mileage while the state is paying their employees 43 cents for mileage. I believe something needs to be done immediately to correct this problem. As you know, the cost of gas is outrageous. Since these drivers are volunteering their time in efforts to help our County and State, I believe there should be no hesitation in raising this amount for the private driver providers.

Also, I have been receiving lots of calls from my constituents saying that it's a possibility that the private drivers will be replaced completely by buses or vans. It is my experience that the quickness of pick up and drop off is much more effective for the elderly in Chesterfield County with private drivers. I have heard from some constituents who have had to ride the bus to doctor appointments. These individuals are dropped off at their doctor's office and when their appointment is completed they have had to wait several hours before the bus comes to pick them up. Then these elderly people have to ride around until others have been picked up from doctor offices. One constituent said they waited so long that the doctor's office closed before they were picked up. Some of these people are diabetics and have had to skip lunch due to this process. Other complaints have come from 80 - 85 year olds who have trouble climbing up on a bus or van. I could go on and on.

I am asking you to look into these issues and do everything you possibly can to help and support our private driver providers and those that are involved.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. If I can do anything to assist you, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ted Martin Vick

Representative Ted M. Vick

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S.C. House District 53

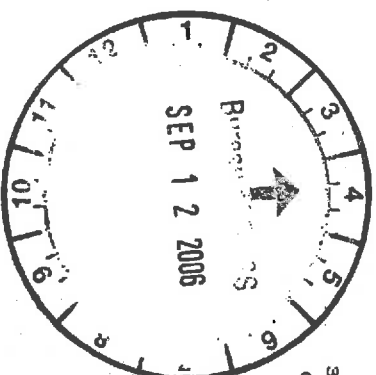
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