STATE of TEXAS HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES



May 16, 2018

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles ATTN: Ms. Whitney Brewster, Executive Director 4000 Jackson Avenue Austin, Texas 78731

RE: DUNE BUGGY BAN

Dear Ms. Brewster,

It recently came to my attention that the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles has placed a ban on dune buggies, sand rails and kit cars. It is my understanding that TxDMV made the decision to revoke lawful titles and registrations of such vehicles. I view this as an attack on the freedom and liberties of private citizens.

In the Fall of 2017 TxDMV received nearly 200 signed petitions requesting that the department review its previous decision. These petitions were pursuant to Government Code Sec. 2001.021. On December 7, 2017 the TxDMV Board heard public testimony regarding this concern. The Assembled Vehicle Coalition of Texas was present and provided public testimony. The Coalition requested that their titles and registrations be reinstated and that a working group be created to discuss future policy changes to assembled vehicles. The TxDMV agreed to the second part of Coalition's request. In response to the meeting in December 2017 the Coalition has prepared five recommendations for TxDMV to review. The recommendations are attached to this letter. Additionally, the Sunset Commission will be reviewing these recommendations on May 23rd.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate my support of the Assembled Vehicle Coalition of Texas. I have personally reviewed all of their recommendations and am in full agreement with them. I urge you to make the necessary changes so that the personal freedoms and liberties of our citizens are not infringed upon. If you would like to discuss this matter further please contact me at 512-463-5200.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Stickland State Representative Texas House District 92