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TO: North Carolina Certified Escort Vehicle Operators

FROM: Benjamin Hinnant
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SUBJECT: Certification Extension

In response to COVID-19, the Oversize/Overweight Permit Unit is extending the expiration date on select Escort Vehicle Operator certifications. If your certification’s expiration date is between February 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020, you are now authorized to continue performing the duties of an Escort Vehicle Operator in North Carolina through July 31, 2020.

With the ever-changing nature of the current situation, we will make plans for circumstances that may extend beyond July 31, 2020 as needed.

All other program regulations remain in effect during this extension and certifications are still subject to revocation upon any of the following occurrences:

(1) failure to maintain a valid driver's license without restrictions other than for corrective lenses; or

(2) failure to operate a motor vehicle safely as evidenced by receiving a conviction for operating a vehicle in a reckless manner, driving while impaired, or other evidence that the operator performed their escort duties in a manner likely to cause an accident, personal injury, or damage to property.

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