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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: WARNING -- #77 REPORT OF DISTRACTED DRIVING

On _____, your vehicle, with New Jersey registration _____, was reported to the New Jersey State Police #77 hotline for DISTRACTED DRIVING. The report alleged that the operator of your vehicle was using a hand held cell phone to talk or text while operating a motor vehicle. Distracted driving is dangerous and ILLEGAL in the State of New Jersey.

A violation of N.J.S.A. 39:4-97.3 carries significant penalties, if charged and convicted. For the FIRST OFFENSE, you will be subject to a fine of up to \$400; SECOND OFFENSE up to \$600; THIRD OFFENSE up to \$800 and license suspension of 90 days and three motor vehicle points on your license. If you or the driver of this car are involved in a crash that injures or kills someone else, and it is determined that you were in violation of this statute, you will face criminal charges and a significant prison sentence.

Distracted driving endangers the safety of drivers, passengers and pedestrians. Nearly a half million people are injured each year in crashes caused by distracted drivers, and thousands are killed. Because using a hand-held cell phone to talk or text requires visual, manual and cognitive attention from the driver, it is by far the most alarming distraction.

The New Jersey State Police and the entire law enforcement community remain committed to highway safety. Through proactive enforcement efforts and the cooperation of the motoring public, we can continue improving our public safety initiatives. Fortunately, this incident has resulted in only a letter alerting you to the risk. For your own safety and the safety of your family, as well as that of the motoring public, we urge you to take appropriate steps to ensure that this type of violation does not recur in the future.

Thank you.

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