



CITY OF DEARBORN



March 5, 2025

Subject: Compliance with Michigan Driving School Regulations

Dearborn Area Driving Schools,

The safety of our community depends on drivers who are properly trained and knowledgeable about traffic laws and safe driving practices. The State of Michigan has established specific requirements for driver education courses, including classroom hours, behind-the-wheel training, and testing standards, to ensure that new drivers possess the necessary skills and understanding to operate a vehicle safely. These regulations are in place to protect all road users.

We have received reports and concerns that some driving schools have attempted to circumvent these regulations, and may be certifying students who have not adequately completed the required coursework or demonstrated sufficient driving proficiency. Compromising safety for any reason is unacceptable.

Fraudulent certification undermines the purpose of driver education and poses a significant risk to public safety. Allowing unqualified individuals to operate motor vehicles endangers not only themselves but also other drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. Certifying a driver who has not met State of Michigan requirements can also lead to possible criminal and civil repercussions for the school involved and the individual driver.

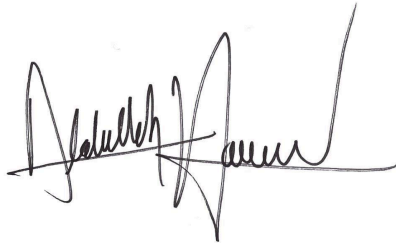
We urge you to review your current training and certification procedures to ensure full compliance with all state regulations, including:

- **Verifying student attendance and participation in all required classroom and behind-the-wheel sessions.** Maintaining accurate records is crucial.
- **Administering thorough and objective assessments of student knowledge and driving skills.** Evaluations should accurately reflect a student's ability to operate a vehicle safely.
- **Adhering strictly to the state-mandated curriculum and training hours.** No shortcuts should be taken.
- **Refusing to certify any student who has not successfully completed all requirements.** Upholding these standards is paramount.

We encourage open communication and collaboration between Dearborn driving schools, the community, and the City of Dearborn to ensure the highest standards of driver education. By working together, we can create safer roads for everyone.

We are available to discuss this matter further and offer any support we can to ensure the integrity of driver education in our community.

Sincerely,

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