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November 3, 2010

David Rankin
President
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Dear Mr. Rankin,

Based on the information presented in your correspondence, dated October 19, 2010, the following determinations have been made:

Due to the required level of travel and the responsibilities assigned, a waiver under Sec. 5, Paragraph C, of Executive Order 10-14, regarding the status designation of commuter has been granted to the following position:

President

Please be aware that, under Section 4 of Executive Order 10-14, all vehicles must carry red, Official Business Only license plates and each must carry the official seal of either the State or your agency. Unless otherwise stated, this requirement applies to vehicles assigned to employees operating under a status designation of commuter.

Please also be aware that, under Section 3 of Executive Order 10-14, all vehicles not assigned to individual employees must be pooled, made available to any authorized employee and must remain on State property when not in use.

Additionally, please recall that Executive Order 10-14 requires State vehicles be used solely for purposes of official State business.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Weiss".

Richard A. Weiss
Director



October 19, 2010

State of Arkansas
Department of Finance & Administration
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SUBJECT: Official State License Plate and Seal Waiver Request to EO 10-14

1. References:

- a. State of Arkansas Executive Department Proclamation EO 10-14, dated October 5, 2010.
- b. Your email: Subject—Official State License Plate and Seal, dated October 13, 2010.

2. Request waiver to the following EO 10-14 requirements: Paragraph 4, Tags and Official Markings; and Paragraph 5C, Commuting for the following Southern Arkansas University vehicle:

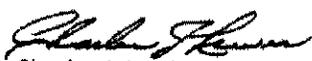
| <u>Vehicle Description</u> | <u>VIN</u> | <u>License #</u> | <u>Primary User</u> |
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| 2006 Toyota Highlander | JTEDW21A560013592 | SAU | Dr. David Rankin, President |

3. Justification:

a. Tags and Official Markings: One of the prime responsibilities of any university president is the cultivation and maintenance of major university donors. In pursuing this vital university resource, our most successful experiences indicate these matters are best handled quietly until the donor is ready for a public or anonymous announcement. Major donors are often a part of the silent phase of a fund raising campaign and timing of their contribution can have a significant impact on the overall success of the effort. Displaying tags and insignias would greatly hamper the president in pursuing philanthropic opportunities in an appropriate manner.

b. Commuting: While the president's responsibilities often require "regular travel from his home to job assignments, the locations of which vary on a regular basis," there are less occasional periods of commuting from home to office. Regardless, the responsibilities of the president require immediate and available transportation assets to conduct university business which often takes place after hours, weekends and holidays, 365 days per year.

4. POC this office is the undersigned: phone 870-235-4065; email cjlewis@saumag.edu. Please let me know if you need additional information.



Charles J. Lewis

Vice President for Facilities
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