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Ruth Golden
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Dear Ms. Golden,

This is in response to your letter of May 24, 2013, regarding a proposal by the Automobile Safety Foundation to implement a co-pilot driver license. Roadway safety is a prime concern of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and your recommendations are appreciated.

The California Vehicle Code, which authorizes the DMV to issue driver licenses, provides that licensees are entitled to only one driver license in their possession. Authorizing the issuance of an additional driver license would require a change in the law through the legislative process.

The DMV shares your concerns about distracted driving and providing training and education to reduce driver distractions. California traffic safety agencies, including the DMV, continually partner to develop programs and provide information which assist drivers with having safe motoring experiences within the boundaries of California law. Currently, over 400 safety stakeholders from 170 public and private agencies and organizations, work together to implement California's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The SHSP is a comprehensive effort to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on public roads and improve traffic safety. As a participant in the SHSP Challenge Area 17, which focuses on reducing distracted driving, DMV will share the concerns of the Automobile Safety Foundation regarding minimizing the dangers of driver distraction.

Thank you for your interest in assisting drivers and improving the well-being and safety of the motoring public. Should you have any further questions, please contact the Driver Licensing Policy Section at (916) 657-5691.

Sincerely,

MARILYN MEEK, Program Manager
Licensing Policy Section

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