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To Chairman Thomas M. McGee and Chairman William M. Strauss:

I would like to communicate through you to the Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation Pioneer Institute's support for "Molly's Bill" MA Senate Bill S1798.

In 2007, Pioneer Institute recognized the EZ-ID License Plate Program as one of top twenty-eight papers submitted to our annual Better Government Competition. The EZ-ID submission is featured on Pioneer Institute's Better Government Network link on the company website at http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/programs_roe.php. The twenty-eight papers chosen for representation in the Better Government Network were specially recognized by the Pioneer Institute staff for their potential impact to state and local policy.

The Roe Better Government Network collects and distributes public policy solutions for the benefit of the state and local government. The Roe Papers are selected from among the most intriguing and original submissions to Pioneer Institute's annual Better Government Competition. Roe Papers present innovative ideas from private-sector experts, government officials, and private individuals. Pioneer works with each submission's author to develop their ideas into detailed, actionable policy proposals. After first reading the EZ-ID proposal, it was clear to the judges the program would have significant impact by not only helping witnesses to motor vehicle crimes, but also for the millions of dollars in new revenues it would provide the state. As stated in the program, there is nothing more precious than our children. Any measure that brings us closer to the quick and certain identification of those who perpetrate crimes on children is a program that should be adopted.

For the reasons listed above, Pioneer Institute commends the Massachusetts Legislature for the serious consideration EZ-ID is receiving, under "Molly's Bill" MA Senate Bill S1798. We urge the MA Legislature to approve it and the Governor to sign this system into law. Lives will be saved, abductions will be solved, and the Commonwealth will realize additional revenues, while at the same time modernizing and revamping an outdated registry and plate licensing system.

Sincerely,

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Pioneer Institute's Better Government Competition