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### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

#### **L.D. 899 “An Act To Protect Privacy and Security at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles”**

*Testimony Provided by Shenna Bellows, Secretary of State*

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Senator Diamond, Representative Martin, members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, my name is Shenna Bellows. I am the Secretary of State and speaking in favor of LD 899.

Data privacy has been a long-term concern and area of interest for me, and as Secretary of State it is one of my highest priorities. It is in that spirit that I ask the Committee to table this bill today and request that it be carried over to the second regular session.

Over the next several months, I plan to work with the bill’s sponsor, our staff at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (including a new Chief Information Officer who will be joining the Department in the coming weeks) and other data privacy experts to assess where we are in data privacy, what improvements need to be made and which of those improvements will require legislation. This isn’t a process that should be rushed, which is why I ask for the time to do this correctly.

I look forward to presenting you with this information, including any proposed bill language, in time for the Second Regular Session.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today, and I am happy to answer any questions.