



National Association of Government Employees

AFFILIATED WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

March 27, 2020

Governor Charles Baker
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Massachusetts State House, Room 280
Boston MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker,

We are writing today to follow up on our letter to you from March 26th, wherein we requested immediate closure of all branches of the Registry of Motor vehicles. We understand that the demands of this extraordinary crisis have kept you busy, but we are disappointed that we need to again implore you to shut down all RMV branches for the good of the Commonwealth.

As the crisis escalates, the matter of closing down branches has reached life or death. Our members are being forced to deal directly with the public without protections in place to guard their health and safety. We have been in continual contact with the designated RMV representatives, but to no avail. Open branches have no safety partitions between the employees and the public, and the safety supplies such as gloves and hand sanitizer remain critically understocked.

Both of the incidents that led to closures of the Fall River and Lawrence branches illustrate the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 at the RMV. While we are appreciative of the decisive actions that have been taken in other branches of state government, the needs of our registry employees seem to be unheard.

We again ask that you take decisive action now and close all RMV branches in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David J. Holway'.

David J. Holway
NAGE National President