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My name is Joe Dills, and I proudly represent Union Township, a Cincinnati East side suburb as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees. I am here today to express serious concerns on behalf of my constituents regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) branches in our area.

For many in my district, particularly seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents, the local BMV is not just a convenience — it's a lifeline. Whether it's renewing a driver's license, registering a vehicle, or obtaining identification necessary for employment or healthcare, these services are essential to daily life. The nearest alternative locations are often 30, 40, or even 50 miles away. In rural areas like ours, where public transportation is scarce or nonexistent, that distance isn't just inconvenient — it's prohibitive.

Closing our BMV offices would create a disproportionate burden on those who can least afford it. We would be effectively denying critical government services to a large portion of our population.

In addition to the impact on constituents, I also want to highlight the challenges we face in staffing these offices. Deputy Registrars are struggling to attract and retain qualified employees at the current wage levels. These are skilled positions requiring technical expertise and strong interpersonal skills, yet the compensation offered is often not competitive with other private sector opportunities — even those in retail or service jobs. In areas like ours, where the labor market is tight and skilled workers are in high demand, the current wage structure simply isn't enough to bring in or keep the talent we need.

Without competitive wages and without local access, we are failing both the public we serve and the dedicated staff who make these services possible.

I urge this committee to consider the profound and far-reaching effects that these closures would have on our community. Let's work together to find solutions that preserve access, support our workforce, and uphold our responsibility to serve every resident of this state — regardless of where they live.

Thank you for your time and attention.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Dills".

Joe Dills  
Vice Chairman, Union Township Board of Trustees