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January 30, 2015

Col. James T. Currie USA (ret.)
Executive Director
Commissioned Officers Association of the US Public Health Service
8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 200
Landover, MD 20785

Dear Colonel Currie:

First, thank you for your service to our country. Also, thank you for contacting Secretary Tata concerning the "Veteran" driver license designation for retired commissioned officers of the US Public Health Service who are residents of North Carolina.

I have been advised by our Special Deputy Attorney General Neil Dalton that members of the commissioned officers corps of the United States Public Health Service are eligible for this designation. I have asked our Assistant Director of Field Services to provide guidance to our field offices with respect to this effort to put it into practice within the next week. Retired officers of the US Public Health Service should present approved "Statement of Service" forms issued by The Division of Commissioned Corps Personnel and Readiness when applying for the Veteran designation.

If you would, please ask the member who has been seeking the veteran designation to contact my assistant, Beth Wise, at 919-861-3015 who will make arrangements for him or her to visit a local driver license office and have the license issued at no cost.

I appreciate your bringing this issue to our attention. If you or your members have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly J. Thomas".

Kelly J. Thomas
Commissioner

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Cc: Secretary Anthony J. Tata
Special Deputy Attorney General Neil Dalton