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TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Status of Class Action Lawsuit Regarding Disabled Persons Identification Placards

PURPOSE

To inform you of the status of the Class Action lawsuit regarding the disabled persons identification placards (*Marjorie Meyers v. State of Texas*) that has been pending in state court since 1998.

DETAILS

As advised in TAC LTR 49-98, dated July 10, 1998, the lawsuit remained in state court pending trial or resolution by settlement. The Texas Office of the Attorney General has now advised us that Judge Sam Sparks, 201st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas, signed an order of dismissal in this suit on April 16, 2001. However, the plaintiffs have filed a motion for reconsideration of the order, which is a prerequisite to the filing of an appeal.

Whether an appeal will be filed is unknown at this time. However, if the appeal is filed, the Office of the Attorney General feels confident that the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit will uphold the decision and that the dismissal will be affirmed.

We will provide further updates as information becomes available.

VTR CONTACT PERSON(S)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 465-7570 or Mr. David Linzey, Director of Headquarter Operations, at (512) 465-7719. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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