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Dear Chairmen and Members of the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation:

During the month of August, Kentucky State Police will continue to transition driver testing services to a regional testing model in connection with the regionalization of all driver licensing services throughout the Commonwealth. As of August 1, 2021, regional testing sites have been established in eight locations. These locations and the counties they serve include:

**Catlettsburg:** Boyd, Carter, Greenup, and Lawrence

**Columbia:** Adair, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Metcalfe, Monroe, Russell, and Taylor

**Elizabethtown:** Breckinridge, Bullitt, Grayson, Hardin, Hart, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington

**Frankfort:** Anderson, Franklin, Henry, Oldham, Owen, Scott, Shelby, and Spencer

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**Jackson:** Breathitt, Knott, Lee, Leslie, Owsley, Perry, Powell, and Wolfe

**Morehead:** Bath, Elliott, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan

**Prestonsburg:** Floyd, Johnson, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike

**Somerset:** Casey, Lincoln\*, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, and Wayne

\*Lincoln County was not originally slated to test at the Somerset location, but will begin testing at that site starting in August. The addition of Lincoln County to this location will aid in the consumption of all available appointments, and will provide additional testing opportunities for Lincoln County residents. Testing for Lincoln County has historically been offered once a week on Wednesdays. Testing will now be available Monday through Friday for Lincoln County residents.

The timeline for transitioning other locations will be dependent upon a number of factors to include acquisition of office space and office equipment, staffing, and the transition of licensing services from the office of the circuit court clerk to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). This is not an all-inclusive list, but one of the more impactful factors moving forward will be the acquisition of office space. This effort is being coordinated through KYTC, and any new locations will be announced when possible.

In the meantime, KSP will continue efforts to establish regional testing sites in locations where KYTC already has an established presence. These locations include Bowling Green, Burlington, Hopkinsville, Madisonville, Manchester, Owensboro, Paducah, and Richmond. KSP expects to transition Madisonville and Owensboro during the month of August. In the coming weeks, KSP will provide a public announcement of the move for the impacted counties in those areas.

Finally, during the month of August, KSP will continue to work on the script for and production of an informational video about driver testing. The video will include an overview of the skills/road test to help new drivers better prepare for the on-the-road testing.

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We look forward to updating the Committee on the progress of this important transition of driver testing services, and thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact Kentucky State Police with any questions or if we can be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Capt. MB Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "B".

Captain Marshall B. Johnson  
Commander, KSP Driver Testing Branch