



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Chris Jacobs

## Jacobs Pushes Legislation to Prevent DMV From Selling Driver Data

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(Buffalo, NY) – New York State Senator Chris Jacobs (60<sup>th</sup> SD) is pushing for approval of legislation he sponsored that will force the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to comply with regulations that enable drivers to protect the confidentiality of their personal information.

“The DMV has been violating its own law by refusing to provide opt-out information on their forms,” said Jacobs. “My legislation mandates that DMV will clearly and prominently place opt-out information on all its forms, as well as its website.”

While serving as Erie County Clerk, Jacobs discovered that the DMV had been selling the personal data of New York State drivers to private companies and reaping millions in profit. Further investigation revealed the agency had been ignoring a state law that required they allow drivers to “opt-out” and prevent their personal information from being sold.

During his tenure as County Clerk, and now as State Senator, Jacobs has made repeated attempts to get the Department of Motor Vehicles to adhere to the existing opt-out requirements to assure drivers can enforce their right to keep their data private. With no cooperation from the agency, the Senator maintains that a legislative fix is the appropriate

next step.

“It’s sad and frustrating that you have to pass a law to compel a state agency to abide by an existing law, but that’s what it’s come to,” said Jacobs. “Since the DMV has not managed to make this opt-out information public, my legislation will specifically direct them on how to do so.”

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#### RELATED LEGISLATION

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### **2017-S7215**

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Relates to the method of informing vehicle registrants of the process for information deletion

January 04, 2018

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by **Chris Jacobs**

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