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Dear Ms. Hanchulak,

The State of New Hampshire, Division of Motor Vehicles is proud to nominate Earl Bunnell as the 2018 AAMVA IDEC Examiner of the year.

Earl Bunnell has been an Examiner for 32 years and has performed Thousands of Operator and motorcycle licensing tests. He has dedicated himself to the mission of safe drivers, safe vehicles and safe roadways.

Earl works in a remote outpost in northern New Hampshire. Earl works within a few miles of Mt. Washington, home of the coldest recorded temperatures and highest wind gusts reported anywhere in the world. Earl has conducted exams with temperatures of -35 degrees below zero and in some of the worst weather conditions. Earl always deals with the public with respect and professionalism no matter the situation or condition.

On two separate occasions this year, Earl has gone above and beyond the call of duty. On the first occasion, a young mother brought her son in for a written and road test. Prior to taking the exam, on the way to the DMV, the applicant ran over a sharp object in the roadway and was unaware the tire was punctured and slowly leaking. During the written test, the tire went flat. When Examiner Bunnell and the applicant went outside to the car for the road test they quickly realized the tire was flat. Being a remote outpost, the schedule for testing was light that day so Examiner Bunnell decided to take the opportunity to show the young man how to change a tire. The two worked together to change the tire and Examiner Bunnell then completed the road test.

On the second occasion, we have to travel back in time to 10-years ago. A young man came to the DMV to take his written and road test. The young man was accompanied by his mother and little brother who was 6-years old at that time. The little boy was very nervous for his brother and was visibly upset. Noticing the applicants little brother was upset, Examiner Bunnell went in to his desk drawer and

got out some blank driver license applications and a pen. Examiner Bunnell went in to the lobby and gave it to the little boy to keep him occupied. When the older brother returned from his successful road test the younger brother handed the applications to Examiner Bunnell and said I'll be back to see you for my license. Fast forward 10-years, a young man comes in for his license with his mother and is very nervous for his exam. The mother asks Examiner Bunnell if he remembers her and her older son. Examiner Bunnell says yes I do and if you wait a minute, I have something for you. Examiner Bunnell retrieves the applications from his briefcase and asks the young man if he remembers filling out the applications. The mother, son and Examiner Bunnell all share a good laugh and memory.

Above and on the previous page, are two examples of what we like to say "That's Earl just being Earl". Earl has been a tremendous Examiner and more importantly, a great public servant. Earl has served his community with honor and distinction. Earl Bunnell is an example for all to follow.

Earl consistently performs the duties and responsibilities of a certified examiner. His excellence in adhering to the principles and recommended practices are without question. He always conducts himself in a professional manner which brings credit to the Bureau of Driver Licensing, Department of Safety and the State of New Hampshire and most importantly, the mission.

