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Greetings,

I am writing because you recently received the following traffic violation:

You are the future of our state and nation and I care about you. On behalf of DOL, I want to take this opportunity to remind you that personal responsibility and knowledge of our traffic laws are major parts of being a safe driver.

Recent research here in Washington tells us that a traffic violation doubles your risk for being involved in a car wreck. Not paying attention to the road or careless decisions while driving can cause serious injuries or death to you—and to those around you.

Most Washington drivers go years without a traffic violation. While you may be a good and safe driver most of the time, this violation could reflect at least a momentary lapse in driving judgment. At highway speeds, your car travels the length of a football field in a couple of seconds, and a moment of carelessness or distraction can quickly become a tragedy.

Find us on Facebook where we have a lot of traffic safety and customer service information. Search for Washington Department of Licensing to “Like” us on Facebook!

Drive safely,

Pat Kohler  
Director

P.S. I have included some information about Washington’s cell phone law and the story of Heather Lerch, a 19-year-old who lost her life while on the road. Even if your violation may not have been related to cell phone use, it is a tragic example of what can happen in the seconds that focus is taken away from the responsibility of driving.