TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
FIFTY SEVENTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE
ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 3663:

This is to advise you that on this date pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have vetoed House Bill 3663.

House Bill 3663 will limit the Oklahoma Tax Commission’s (OTC) authority to remove Oklahoma Motor Vehicle Agents (Tag Agents). In the state of Oklahoma, Tag Agents are appointed by the OTC and serve as independent contractors. In the last 15 years, 16 tag agents have been removed. That represents an average of one per year, less than four-tenths of one percent of all agents. There is no evidence that the OTC has been removing agents without cause. The provisions of this bill would restrict the ability of a state agency to determine if a contractor should be permitted to continue to work to deliver services. This greatly restricts the State’s ability to ensure that the best people are delivering services to Oklahomans.

Based on the language of this bill, even if the OTC received numerous complaints about the behavior or customer service of an agent, as long as the agent meets minimum requirements, the OTC would have limited authority to remove that agent. In addition, the creation of a new unnecessary bureaucratic procedure would result in unwanted legal fees on the backs of taxpayers. It is important that my administration have the ability to weed out bad actors, ensuring the best possible customer service from Tag Agents for all 4 million Oklahomans.

For the aforementioned reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 3663.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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