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Connecticut State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier issued the following statement today regarding the traffic stop involving her state-owned vehicle:

"Last week's incident can best be described as a convergence of unfortunate circumstances -- nothing more, nothing less. What I knew then, and what the facts now clearly show, is that the state vehicle that was assigned to me was, in fact, properly registered and fully insured. Upon review, the Department of Motor Vehicles has now acknowledged that the vehicle registration, while fully up-to-date and proper, was never properly entered into the system to which the police had access. I am pleased that the Department has said it is taking steps to ensure that law enforcement agencies will have access to accurate and complete motor vehicle registration information in the future.

But, the fact remains that I was stopped. This took place in an impoverished neighborhood in North Hartford, a community that certainly has very serious challenges, but also has decent, hard-working people and families. Good people can, and do, live in bad neighborhoods in our state. What has ensued in recent days, especially in internet conversations, are far too many outrageous inferences that my mere presence in this inner-city community should somehow raise questions about possible inappropriate or illegal activity. Those innuendos are offensive and insulting - most importantly to the people of that community, as well as to me and my work on behalf of the people of our Capitol City and our state.

While I expressed frustration after the vehicle's valid registration was not confirmed that evening, it was my decision to walk home. Nonetheless, the police union representative's statement, that all three officers on duty that night offered me a ride home, is a fictitious account of my understanding of the options then before me.

From here on out, I intend to have the facts continue to speak for themselves, and look forward to a swift and complete resolution of these matters."

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