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Yeung Sum Poon  
4443 Aurora NW  
Canton, Ohio 44708

Dear Mr. Poon:

This is in regard to the license plate character combination you currently display, SHTBOX.

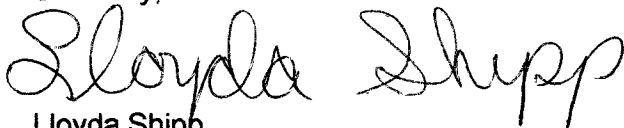
Special plates issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles are a representation of the state. Numerous motorists, families, and children not only in Ohio, but in other states view them as well. The registrar has the authority to prohibit the use of obscene or offensive combinations on special plates of the state. All plates issued may be subject to revocation pending complaints from the public or additional information being brought to our attention after issuance of the plates.

The special plate program presents a challenge since viewpoints are often varied on what should be permissible in the way of lettering and numbering. We must be extremely mindful of the responsibility we are entrusted with. It is not the intent of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to provide motorists with a forum or an avenue for promoting messages that may be distasteful or offensive to the way the average person would view this license plate character combination.

Therefore, after much consideration, we are recalling the license plate character combination SHTBOX.

We are requesting your cooperation in resolving this unfortunate situation in a mutually satisfactory manner. Please contact our office and ask to speak to Debbie or Donna at 1(888) PLATES3 to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Shipp  
Supervisor, Mail Registration

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**Mission Statement**

*"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."*