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Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs
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Subject: State of Alaska *REAL ID Act* Compliance Update

Dear Mr. Bersin and Mr. McNamara:

I write today to update the Department of Homeland Security on the status of the State of Alaska's *REAL ID Act* compliance.

When the Alaska Legislature convenes in January 2017, I will be introducing legislation to repeal the prohibition on complying with the *REAL ID Act*. My proposed legislation will be two-tiered – allowing Alaskans to choose between a *REAL ID Act* compliant license/ID and a non-compliant license/ID. Our goal is to pass the legislation in 2017 so our Division of Motor Vehicles has time to implement the changes before the deadline in 2018.

I hope this additional information will result in a finding that will justify granting a waiver for the State of Alaska so Alaska's current State-issued driver license and ID cards will be acceptable stand-alone proof of identification for federal purposes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor