



Homeland Security

March 17, 2010

The Honorable Jeremiah W. Nixon
Governor of Missouri
State Capitol
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Governor Nixon:

Thank you for your efforts to comply with the *REAL ID Act of 2005* and its implementing regulations (6 C.F.R. part 37). I appreciate your continued commitment to secure identification initiatives and to ensuring the security of our Nation. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) thanks you for your State's efforts in improving security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

All states made substantial progress in improving the security of their driver's license systems, the majority of jurisdictions indicated that they could not meet the REAL ID material compliance requirements by December 31, 2009. DHS stayed the material compliance deadline in order to prevent disruption of U.S. travel during the holiday season. As a result, all valid state-issued driver's license and identification cards will continue to be accepted for official purposes as defined under the Act and regulations. The May 10, 2011 deadline for full compliance remains in effect and we will continue to work closely with all states to meet this deadline.

DHS understands, however, that many states continue to express concerns with the *REAL ID Act*. DHS is committed to working with the states and with Congress to achieve a cohesive and unified approach to improved document security over the long-term.

We look forward to working with you on future efforts to implement additional security enhancements, as well as efforts to resolve issues with the current *REAL ID Act*. Should you need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 282-8203.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano".

Janet Napolitano