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Dear Director Shwedo:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has reviewed the supplementary information dated September 15, 2016, and your correspondence related to a possible extension of time to meet requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-13) and its implementing regulation.

Although the Department recognizes the State of South Carolina's efforts in enhancing the security of its driver's licenses and identification cards, DHS is unable to grant an extension. DHS's review found that South Carolina has not committed to meeting all remaining requirements and has not provided adequate justification for continued noncompliance. Enclosed is a list of DHS's findings about the regulatory provisions that South Carolina currently meets, plans to meet, and does not currently commit to meet.

South Carolina may request an extension if there are new developments or additional information regarding your jurisdiction's progress towards meeting outstanding requirements, the reasons that these standards remain unmet, and the reasons for continued noncompliance. Extensions are granted at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security, but are not an alternative to compliance with the REAL ID Act.

Noncompliant states with extensions that expired on October 10, 2016, will be granted a grace period before enforcement begins to provide the opportunity for the state to take corrective action or for its residents to prepare for the change. Federal agencies may continue to accept driver's licenses and identification cards issued by these states for official purposes through January 29, 2017. Starting January 30, 2017, Federal agencies are prohibited from accepting driver's licenses and identification cards issued by these states for official purposes.

As we continue to implement the phased enforcement of the REAL ID Act, the consequences of continued noncompliance will grow. Currently, military bases, nuclear power plants, and Federal facilities may accept state-issued driver's licenses or identification cards for access purposes only if the document is issued by a state that is REAL ID compliant or that has received an extension. TSA will begin REAL ID enforcement for boarding commercial aircraft on January 22, 2018. As a result, from that time onwards, air travelers with a driver's license or identification card issued by a state that does not meet the requirements of the REAL ID Act

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(unless that state has been granted an extension to comply with the Act) must present an alternative form of identification acceptable to TSA in order to board a commercial flight.

Please do not hesitate to contact DHS's Office of State Issued Identification Support at (202) 447-3871 if you have any questions or comments about this notification. For all other homeland security matters, you may contact the DHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 282-9310.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other homeland security issues.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Mark Keel, Chief, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Findings
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- I. Based on the information provided, the State of South Carolina indicates it is meeting the following provisions of the regulation (6 C.F.R. § 37):
- 6 C.F.R. § 37.11(b) Have each applicant sign a declaration under penalty of perjury that the information presented is true and correct, and the State must retain this declaration.
- § 37.11(a) Subjects each applicant to a mandatory facial image capture and retain such image even if a driver license (DL) or identification card (ID) is not issued.
- § 37.11(c) Requires individuals to present at least one of the source documents listed in subsections (i) through (x) when establishing identity.

South Carolina indicates that all credentialed individuals who received driver's licenses and identification cards after 2010 meet this requirement.

- § 37.11(d)-(g) Requires documentation of date of birth, Social Security Number, address of principal residence, and lawful status.
- South Carolina indicates that all credentialed individuals who received driver's licenses and identification cards after 2010 meet this requirement.*
- § 37.11(h) Has a documented exceptions process that meets the requirements established in 37.11(h)(1)-(3)(If States choose to have such a process).
- § 37.11(i) Takes sufficient steps in issuing REAL ID DL/ID cards to safeguard the identities of persons identified in section 37.11(i).
- § 37.13(a) Makes reasonable efforts to ensure that applicants do not have more than one DL or ID already issued by that state under a different identity.

§ 37.13(b)(1)	Verifies lawful status through the Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlements (SA VE) or another method approved by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
§ 37.13(b)(2)	Verifies Social Security account number with the Social Security Administration.
§ 37.13(b)(3)	Verifies birth certificates.
§ 37.13(b)(4)	Verifies U.S. passports.
§ 37.13(b)(5)	Verifies REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards with the State of issuance.
§ 37.15(a)(1)	Includes document security features on REAL ID DL/ID cards that are not capable of being reproduced using technologies that are commonly used and made available to the general public.
§ 37.15(b)	Issues DL and IDs that contain Level 1, 2, and 3 integrated security features.
§ 37.15(d)	Conducts reviews and submits a report to DHS on card design and ability of the card to resist forgery and counterfeiting.
§ 37.17(a)-(f)	Includes on the surface of cards the following printed information in Latin alpha-numeric characters: Full legal name Date of birth Gender Unique DL/ID number Full facial digital photograph Address of principal residence Signature Date of issuance Expiration date State or territory of issuance