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Hi Jeff - Here is the statement that DHS has been using to respond to inquiries. Obviously a long-term solution through legislation is still our strong preference. Let me know if you have any more questions.

Katie

"Today marks the final day for states to submit their extension requests for the December 31 REAL ID material compliance deadline. As we have been expecting, the majority of states have advised DHS that they will not have achieved material compliance by the end of this year. Legislation is needed to resolve this impasse. Secretary Napolitano has supported the efforts of Governors and Congress to enact PASS ID, which puts states on the path to implementing national identification card standards and will enhance security across the country. Should Congress not act before it adjourns this year, DHS has planned for contingencies related to REAL ID implementation, including extending the deadline as a last resort. This is a temporary approach that does not advance our security interests over the long-term, and DHS continues to urge Congress to enact a permanent solution to fulfill this key 9/11 Commission recommendation. "

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