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Dear Members:

Yesterday afternoon, the REAL ID Steering Committee had an opportunity to converse with David Quam at the National Governors Association and several governors' Washington representatives about REAL ID developments.

We learned that the governors REAL ID Task Force meeting last week (consisting of DHS Secretary Chertoff and about eight governors) covered issues including long-term federal funding of REAL ID, grant guidance for the current \$79 million available, and issues relating to the verification hubs. While these issues were not fully resolved, the task force began a dialogue that is geared toward creating an effective solution in the near term.

With the current grant submission deadline of April 4 almost upon us, the task force hopes to meet again next week to continue the discussion. NGA asked us to provide some information as soon as possible to assist in this discussion.

Specifically, NGA would like to have our input in two important areas:

Gap Analysis. NGA is interested in learning from motor vehicle agencies what gaps exist in complying with the final rule. Kentucky is in the process of finalizing a gap analysis, and will make it available to all chief administrators, as early as today. We are also checking with Texas, which may have completed a similar gap analysis.

Compliance Costs. NGA also wishes to have the input of states on their costs of compliance with REAL ID. They recognize that many aspects of complying with the final rule remain to be resolved, particularly the ongoing costs of maintaining the verification hub and conducting required electronic transactions, and that states are not likely to be able to develop a definitive analysis until those issues are resolved. However, any state information on compliance costs, for example, the quantifiable costs of meeting compliance benchmarks, will be useful to governors when they meet with DHS.

We would like to have your input by close of business on Monday, March 31. Please send any information you would like NGA to have to Pam Walker on our staff. She can be reached at PWalker@aamva.org.

The quick turnaround time to meet this request will not allow us to aggregate data, so we intend to forward whatever you send us to NGA. If you would like to submit any information anonymously, please redact any documents you send us to remove references to your agency.

We will keep you informed of developments in this important area.

Finally, Bonnie Rutledge prepared a matrix comparing elements of providing REAL ID, EDL, U.S.

passport and passport card in Vermont. Members of the REAL ID Steering Committee asked that we circulate it, and a copy is attached for your information.

Best regards,

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