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Scott and C.H.,

Please disregard the previous message if you received it. I attached the wrong version of the paper. The correct version follows this e-mail.

Attached are an executive summary and white paper outlining the issues of the Real ID Act. We are at a very critical point in the process as the Dept of Homeland Security, AAMVA, the NGA, and the NCSL are working to promulgate regulations that will govern the process of obtaining Real ID credentials.

The first few pages are an executive summary. The requirements (as we understand them and they could change) are outlined as well as the potential impact of South Carolina adopting the act. A listing of recommendations is included in the summary. A detailed paper explaining the requirements, the impact, and DMV's recommendations follows the executive summary.

Many legislators have asked me for guidance in understanding the impact of the act and in determining the direction the state should go in adopting the act. DMV recommends adoption of the act, but we have specific suggestions for the rulemaking body to consider as the regulations are being developed. These recommendations are critical to our being able to provide good service to our customers. Many legislators are anxious to work with the congressmen from South Carolina to see that these recommendations are included in the regulations that will be promulgated by the Dept of Homeland Security.

It is my understanding, through communications from AAMVA, that the NGA and the NCSL are being updated on the actions of the rulemaking body. I would like for you to review the attached document and provide any feedback from the Governor's perspective. Once that is done, I would like to present this paper to the appropriate state legislative committees. Time is critical, and it is very important to educate the legislature and to be able to have input while the regulations are being developed.

Also, Virginia's governor established a working group to look at this from various perspectives. The group included members of industry, members of their legislature, governor's representatives, and the Virginia DMV. This act will have a tremendous impact on the way we do business and the way our customers will obtain licenses and identification cards.

Please advise.

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