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Date: 3/3/2008 5:21:57 PM
Subject: Re: FW: DHS Clarifies State Extension Requests

Marcia --

This gets to the heart of my problems in getting a decision finalized here.

The Secretary's comment implies two things:

1. That in order to get an extension, we are, in some way, pledging to comply with a law that we have opposed at every turn, and
2. That our credentialing system is somehow deficient without having Washington dictate every little detail of issuing a driver's license in this state.

I would like for the federal bureaucrats to show me where we are falling down on the job.

If I learned nothing else in my 13 years among the Potomac elite it is that the only thing good that happens in DC is a Redskins home game.

Scott

>>> <Marcia.Adams@SCDMV.net> 3/3/2008 4:38:43 PM >>>

Scott and Blair,

Here is the latest update that has been sent to DMV administrators. Like all states, DHS has told us since the final rule was issued that an extension does not communicate intent to comply with Real ID. I think it is obvious that SC wants a secure license given the laws that we have had since 2002.

Marcia

-----Original Message-----

From: Schuster, Neil [mailto:nschuster@aamva.org]

Sent: Monday, March 03, 2008 4:07 PM

To: AAMVA Board; Brown, Judy; Rutledge, Bonnie

Subject: DHS Clarifies State Extension Requests

Dear Board members:

As I reported to you over the weekend, DHS Secretary Chertoff was quoted in the media stating that a state application for a REAL ID extension is an indication of that state's intent to comply with REAL ID. This runs counter to what we have heard numerous times from DHS since the Final Rule was released.

The DHS website contains additional information on this issue, though not necessarily a definitive clarification. A REAL ID extension "means your State will be moving toward more secure driver's licenses," according to DHS. The deadline for extensions is March 31, 2008.

The DHS message can be found on their website at http://www.dhs.gov/xprevprot/programs/gc_1204567770971.shtm.

Best regards,

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