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Attachments: [List of members of the Real ID Steering Group and Task Force.doc](#)

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This email is being sent to just one person in each US jurisdiction - he or she who is most likely feeling the greatest burden and responsibility for implementing the Real ID Act. As Chair of AAMVA's Real ID Steering Committee and Task Force, I wanted to be in touch and hopefully establish a means of regular communication between us.

Attached is the list of the Steering Committee and proposed Task Force membership. For those of you with staff identified, I first wanted to be sure you were aware. I also wanted to clarify a change in the original plans which would have convened the entire group later this month. Instead, that meeting on October 28 and 29 will consist of only the Steering Committee where we'll more fully delineate our strategy and next steps - including chartering Task Group responsibilities. At that time we'll be back to you for specific commitments.

In talking to Bonnie Rutledge and Linda Lewis-Pickett about assuming this assignment, my intimidation was out-weighted by the desire and need to get things moving. We're all caught in the same bind - facing a law with ominous impacts but insufficient definition, facing policy leaders who want answers, facing staffs who want direction, facing the "last chance" budget and legislative cycle looming before us, facing the potential "plusses" of consistent standards and "minuses" of unrealistic processes, and facing we're not really sure what to do with it all. (Whoever doesn't fit that last description - please identify yourself as the new Chair!)

Yet, while we all face the same challenge, there's also the reality that there won't be a "one size fits all" solution. We have different political environments, different technical capabilities, different logistical challenges, and different organizational and financial realities.

I believe it will help if we can communicate and identify those similarities and differences among us, as well between us and the vendors, between us and other levels of government, etc. Hopefully then we can keep everything on the table, while being conscious of potential missteps and unintended consequences while we find the common ground where AAMVA can best assist.

So, I'm suggesting a little different initial approach - something I guess I'd call "formal informality". First, in addition to AAMVA communication on the topic through usual channels, I plan to keep separate e-mail updates coming to this group in a way that might be a bit more candid and appropriate for this audience only. For example, I'm planning to report back to you after a meeting scheduled Thursday with the National Governor's Association in preparation for the first rulemaking session with DHS next week.

And in preparation for the Steering Committee meeting later this month, I'm also hoping I could schedule a 15-minute call next week with each of you who is interested. I'm in the process of reviewing the impact statements everyone submitted to AAMVA. But before getting too mired in staff work and detail, I'd like to have a chance to hear directly from you about at least four questions:

What about Real ID is most welcome?

What about Real ID scares you the most?

What role(s) could AAMVA best play to help?

Where would you prefer AAMVA keep its distance?

(And of course anything else you feel is important).

I'd therefore appreciate a reply e-mail if any of the following apply:

- \* You're not the best person to get these messages and want to suggest a replacement.
- \* You'd like to schedule a telephone chat next week - including a staff contact for scheduling purposes.
- \* You'd rather provide your input to the above via e-mail.

All advice is welcome.

By tomorrow there should be a separate e-mail address for my Real ID work - which is included in the various contact info below, so if you think of it, please use that rather than "reply" if you can. Either way I'll look to hear from you! Thanks

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