



Homeland Security

January 10, 2019

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
C/O State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recognizes California's efforts in supporting our shared goal of improving the security of your state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

DHS has received and is reviewing California's certification, dated February 22, 2018, that California has implemented a program that meets the standards of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and regulation. While we have been working with your staff since receipt of the certification, additional time is needed to complete this review, including due to the current federal funding hiatus. Therefore, DHS is extending California's extension through April 10, 2019. For the duration of this extension, federal agencies may accept California-issued driver's licenses and identification cards for official purposes. Prior to the end of this extension, DHS will inform California of its determination.

I look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other homeland security issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Neumann".

Elizabeth Neumann
Assistant Secretary for Threat Prevention
and Security Policy

cc: John H. Hill, Assistant Secretary, Office of Partnership and Engagement
Mark Ghilarducci, Director, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services