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Dear Mr. Frenkel:

The attached document contains comments from the California Office of Homeland Security and Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the REAL ID Act (Public Law 109-13, Title II, May 11, 2005).

First, we want to tell you how much we appreciate the opportunity to participate in the recent working group sessions and we wish to compliment you for your professionalism in handling the many issues that were raised during these discussions. We hope that we were able to add useful perspectives on many issues and that these will be helpful as the Department of Homeland Security proceeds with the very difficult job of finalizing the regulations package.

Recognizing that the most critical policy issues involving preparation time, funding, and technology solutions cannot be fully resolved by the regulations, the attached comments focus solely on our technical and operational concerns. However, those broader issues remain major obstacles to an effective implementation and California intends to pursue these matters further through appropriate channels.

Once again, we appreciate the very positive working relationship we have had with you and the Department of Homeland Security, and I hope you will contact us if you require any further information regarding our attached comments.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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