When the Joint Armed Services Committee had their hearing on March 23, 2017, they heard from Lieutenant General Wilsbach that he will have to comply with the federal Real ID law. The link to the video is <u>HERE</u>—the discussion starts at 12:06. Also, included a quick transcript below of an excerpt of the conversation.

## Lieutenant General Kenneth S. Wilsbach

Commander, Alaska North American Aerospace Command Region; Commander, Alaska Command, U.S. Northern Command; Commander, Eleventh Airforce

**Question Colonel Jones**: General, our House and Senate are currently considering legislation to enact the Real ID compliant identification. Without a waiver, which I understand is not likely, and without passage of this legislation, the 100's of Alaskans that work as contractors on our military installations are going to be denied entry in June as I understand it. You briefed over \$500 million dollars in milcon for just FY 17 and \$512 million dollars for the F35's; over \$400 million dollars for the LRD; there's a lot of money for interior Alaska and as you know, for Interior Alaska's economy the military is a big portion of that. I think it's important that this committee support this legislation, and General, I would ask, 'Do you think an additional waiver is possible if this legislation fails to pass and do you have any thoughts on the impact?'

**Lieutenant General Wilsbach**: I know what I've been briefed as far as the law goes, and starting in June, I've got to comply with the law which is if you don't have a Real ID compliant ID, you have to be escorted on the base...

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