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Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tompkins, Chair
House State Affairs Committee
The Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska

Sent via e-mail: Representative.Jonathon.Kreiss-Tompkins@akleg.gov

Dear Chairman Kreiss-Tompkins,

The Alaska Trucking Association is a state wide organization representing the interests of our nearly 200 member companies from Barrow to Ketchikan. Freight movement is an essential element of our economy and impacts all of us each and every day.

- HB74 Real ID Act and its companion bill in the other body provides for a compliant Federal Real ID driver's license in addition to Alaska's current non-compliant Federal Real ID driver's license.
- These changes include the Commercial Driver's License (CDL).
- DMV's web page shows a total of nearly 33,000 Alaska CDL holders and there are thousands of commercial vehicle drivers who are not required to hold a CDL because of the weight of the truck.
- Many commercial vehicle drivers, both CDL and non CDL have need to enter military installations in the course of their daily deliveries.
- As you can see from the numbers, the impact of a non-compliant CDL or other driver's license would be considerable.
- Military installations are governed by Federal rules and after June 6, 2017, will no longer accept an Alaska issued driver's license as a form of acceptable identification.
- Drivers will need to obtain a Federally recognized (Real ID Act compliant) form of identification in order to gain access to military installations.
- Commodities delivered include, food, fuel, consumer goods, military material', all things necessary to supply a small city while providing for the national defense.

On behalf of the members of the Alaska Trucking Association, I urge you to move this bill forward toward passage. It is a necessary remedy for a soon to be existing problem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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Executive Director

cc: Marla Thompson, Director, DMV



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