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The Honorable Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins Alaska House of Representatives Room 411 Alaska State Capitol Juneau, AK 99801

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Dear Representative Kreiss-Tomkins:

This letter provides responses to questions taken for the record from House State Affairs Committee members following our Administrative Services Director's testimony on House Bill 74 on 14 March 17. Specifically, Committee members requested additional detail on issuance of Defense Biometrics Identification System (DBIDS) Access Cards and Department of Defense (DoD) Dependent Identification Cards at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER).

JBER leaders have informed us DBIDS cards with one-year terms may be issued to personnel who require recurring unescorted access to the installation. Prior to issue, JBER requires the applicant to present credentials for vetting. Acceptable credentials include:

- a. REAL ID Act-compliant State or Federally issued Driver's License or identification card
- b. If their Driver's License is not compliant with the REAL ID Act, they must provide one of the following secondary forms of identification:
  - 1. Federally-issued Personal Identification Verification Cards
  - 2. Driver's licenses issued by the US Department of State
  - 3. Border Crossing Card (Form DSP-150)
- 4. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) "Trusted Traveler" Cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
  - 5. U.S. Military ID (including retirees and dependent ID card holders) and veterans.
  - 6. Veterans Health Identification Card issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs
  - 7. US Permanent Resident Card (Form I-551) or Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-766)
  - 8. U.S. Certificate of Naturalization or Certificate of Citizenship (Form N-550)
  - 9. Employment Authorization Document issued by DHS (Form I-766)
- 10. U.S. Refugee Travel Document (Permit to Re-enter Form I-327 and Refugee Travel Document Form I-571)
  - 11. Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

- 12. Merchant Mariner Card issued by DHS/United States Coast Guard
- 13. State-issued Identification
- (a) A driver's license or identification card issued by a state or outlying possession that meets the REAL ID standards or has an extension
  - (b) State-issued Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs) (Washington and Minnesota)
  - 14. Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID
  - 15. U.S. Passport
  - 16. U.S. Passport card
- 17. Identification cards issued by federal, state, or local government agencies that are REAL ID Act compliant
  - 18. Foreign passports with a temporary (I-551) stamp
  - 19. Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card

For additional information, see <a href="https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs">https://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs</a>

NOTE: Only visitors with valid Driver's Licenses will be authorized to drive on the installation.

Once approved credentials are presented, DBIDS card applicants will also be screened against the National Crime Information Center via the Alaska Public Safety Information Network for wants/warrants and criminal history not conducive with the safety of the installation. Additionally, applicants are screened against the JBER Barment roster and against Court View as additional sources. Finally, applicants may also be screened for prior offenses committed on any DoD installation through the use of the Department of the Army Central Operations Police Suite and the Department of the Air Force Security Forces Management Information System.

You also asked for additional information regarding non-recurring visitors or those with projected stays of shorter duration. Non-recurring visitors who are US citizens may be sponsored onto JBER via the "Trusted Traveler Program" which allows holders of authorized DoD ID cards to escort as many visitors as may be lawfully seated in their vehicle; in these instances, all visitors must be accompanied by the DoD ID card holder at all times while on the installation. Visitors 16 years of age and older will be required to present a valid state or federal ID card; while those of age 15 and younger are not required to present ID. Providing escorts for longer term visitors who lack identification compliant with the REAL ID Act is not a reasonable expectation for military organizations on the installation.

Finally, you asked for additional information regarding identification cards provided to dependents of active duty military personnel. Dependents of active duty military, ages 10 and older, are eligible to be issued DoD Dependent identification cards which allow them access to US military installations and may include access to other privileges such as the use of various Army Air Force Exchange Service, Defense Commissary Agency, and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation facilities. While there are other instances wherein an individual may be deemed a "dependent" of an active

duty member, the majority of this population is comprised of spouses and children. In either case, prior to being issued a DoD Dependent ID card, all must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System by completing an application, signed by the military member, and with supporting documentation. For spouses, supporting documentation used to establish relationship and eligibility include a marriage certificate (or other certified common law marriage document) and a birth certificate. For children, supporting documentation includes a birth certificate, and may include other documents such as an adoption decree and/or sponsor's marriage certificate (for stepchildren), as appropriate.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this information. Please let us know if you require further detail on any of these items or if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: House State Affairs Committee