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Dear Mr. Duffy,

Thank you for your recent question regarding actions Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) must take under Federal Law if the Alaska Legislature does not adopt measures demonstrating compliance with the REAL ID Act by the State's extension expiration date of 6 Jun 2017. Currently, visitors and contracted personnel with a driver's license or state identification from Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, and Montana are unable to acquire unescorted access to JBER or any other DoD installation. Absent a change in Alaska Law, after 6 Jun 2017, the current Alaska State driver's license will be designated insufficient for unescorted access, much like Maine and Montana were added at the end of Jan 2017. Unfortunately, we have no waiver authority and there should be no expectation we would pursue or enact any.

We have been actively advertising this potential outcome through a myriad of means, including providing detailed information flyers at our Visitor's Control Centers and working through our 673d Contracting Squadron to put contracted personnel on notice of the impending change.

If you or the members of your staff have questions or would like additional information, please contact our 673 Security Forces Squadron Commander, Lt Col Chris Lacek at 552-4304.

Sincerely,

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