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Memorandum

To: Senator MacKinnon
Chair, Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska Legislature

From: Leslie Ridle 
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Subject: **Response to questions on SB 34 REAL ID**

Thank you for the work you and the Senate Finance Committee have done on SB 34 "Driver's License & ID Cards & REAL ID Act." During today's hearing on the CS, questions came up about DMV's current practices regarding documents and data, and what will need to change to be REAL ID compliant. We have provided information below to address those questions.

Process for obtaining an Alaskan ID or Driver License, compliant or non-compliant

- Alaskans will not have to provide anything new or extra to get a REAL ID-compliant card
- Like today, for the initial license or ID, you'll need 2 pieces of what's called a "source document" to prove who you are, such as a birth certificate, passport, or voter registration card
- Like today, you'll need to provide your social security number
- Like today, you'll need to provide proof of Alaska residency, like a utility bill or mortgage/rental document
- Like today, DMV will scan and retain copies of your source documents, but will not scan or retain copies of your social security card or proof of residency

What will be different

- Only difference between what DMV does today and what they will have to do to be REAL ID compliant is identity verification
- Today, if you show DMV your birth certificate or passport, they take it at face value as being authentic
- For REAL ID compliance, DMV will have to verify the authenticity of the document by checking existing databases maintained by the Bureau of Vital Statistics or the US Passport Agency
- For REAL ID, if you are a legal alien, DMV will have to verify the authenticity of your documentation by checking the existing US State Department data base

What will DMV share and with whom

- All 50 states are members of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA)
- All 50 states use AAMVA to comply with federal and state requirements regarding problem drivers, duplicate licenses, commercial drivers, and other law
- DMVs do not access the database of any other state
- Instead, DMVs share pointer records consisting of Name, DOB, State of Residence, ID or DL number, and last 5 digits of social security number
- DMVs do not share scans of source documents or photos or other identifying information to the pointer system
- DMV does not add birth certificate, passport, social security or legal residency information to any databases, they simply verify that the information you present matches the information already in the databases
- DMV does not engage in bulk sharing of photos
- DMV shares individual source documents and photos with law enforcement agencies, as needed for criminal investigations, cold cases, missing persons, and other public safety efforts