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To: Rep. Kelly Merrick
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Hi Representative Merrick,

Thank you for your work on this for us. Below is my written statement about why this is a helpful change for service members. Please let me know if I need to make adjustments.

Servicemembers who maintain Alaska residency while stationed elsewhere need to renew their driver licenses periodically. Despite being able to do this online, my spouse and I encountered a challenge when we received OCONUS orders. Driver licenses cannot be renewed outside of the year of their expiration date, but USAEUR driver licenses cannot be obtained unless the member's US license is valid for the duration of the assignment. It will be helpful to have an exception for Alaskan service members with overseas orders to be allowed to renew their licenses prior to travel so that they remain current for the entirety of OCONUS assignments. Spouses would need this accommodation as well. DMV statutes currently do not allow for this. Thank you for your consideration.

Katie Roche