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The Honorable Susana Martinez  
Governor  
Office of the Governor  
490 Old Santa Fe Trail  
Room 400  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Martinez:

This letter is to notify you that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is granting the State of New Mexico an extension, through October 10, 2016, to meet the standards of the *REAL ID Act of 2005* (REAL ID Act) and its implementing regulation. For the duration of this extension, Federal agencies may accept New Mexico-issued driver's licenses and identification cards for official purposes in accordance with the phased enforcement schedule and existing agency policies.

The Department recognizes your efforts in enhancing the security of New Mexico's driver's licenses and identification cards and has granted this extension based on a review of the information provided. For your convenience, enclosed is a list of regulatory provisions that New Mexico currently meets, and the provisions that remain outstanding based on this review.

At any time, New Mexico may submit a compliance package for DHS review in accordance with the procedures set forth in the regulations.

If New Mexico requests further extensions in the future, please provide the Department with information regarding New Mexico's progress towards meeting any outstanding requirements at the time of the request; reasons for any unmet standards; and when New Mexico anticipates seeking a determination of full compliance from the Department.

Extensions are renewable at the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland Security. Extensions are not an alternative to compliance with the REAL ID Act. They are intended to provide additional time to jurisdictions with outstanding requirements. Failure to document plans to satisfy any outstanding requirements may affect future extension requests.

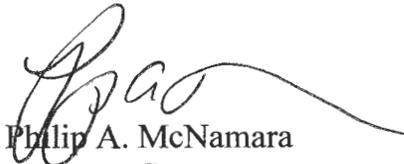
Please do not hesitate to contact DHS's Office of State Issued Identification Support at (202) 447-3871 if you have any questions or comments about this extension. For all other homeland security matters, you may contact the DHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 282-9310.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on this and other homeland security issues.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Jay Mitchell, Secretary New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.