

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Alejandro N. Mayorkas
Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Deputy Secretary Mayorkas:

Thank you for meeting with us to discuss enforcement of the REAL ID Act of 2005 and working with the Department of Defense (DoD) to ensure that DoD provides clear guidance on how REAL ID will apply to our state's military installations. Additionally, we would like to thank you for pledging that the state of New Mexico can still receive an extension of REAL ID enforcement if Governor Susana Martinez and the New Mexico State Legislature can verify to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) that they agree on legislation that ensures REAL ID compliance.

We are pleased to inform you that on February 15, 2016, the New Mexico State Legislature approved legislation that would ensure compliance. To this end, we respectfully urge the Department to grant an immediate extension of REAL ID compliance to the State of New Mexico. The ongoing uncertainty about accessing federal facilities is an undue burden on the men and women who work at these facilities.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and for your willingness to work with us to ensure New Mexicans can continue to access federal facilities and airports.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall
United States Senator



Martin Heinrich
United States Senator



Ben Ray Lujan
United States Representative



Michelle Lujan Grisham
United States Representative