

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 29, 2017

The Honorable John F. Kelly
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write to request that you use your authority under the REAL ID Act of 2005 to grant an enforcement waiver to the state of Missouri.

After years of debate, the Missouri General Assembly, on May 22, delivered a bill to Governor Eric Greitens requiring the state Department of Revenue to issue REAL ID compliant driver's licenses unless an applicant requests a license that is not compliant with the REAL ID Act. Governor Greitens signed the legislation June 12. The law will take effect August 28.

On Wednesday, June 21, you received a request from the office of Governor Greitens for temporary relief from federal enforcement of the REAL ID Act. Missourians are currently unable to access federal facilities, including military installations, with a state-issued driver's license. If an extension is not granted, passengers will be unable to board commercial aircraft using a Missouri driver's license beginning January 22, 2018. The extension is needed in order to give the state Department of Revenue adequate time to begin issuing REAL ID compliant licenses. The Governor anticipates that this will occur by February 28, 2019.

We urge you to take swift action in granting an extension to the state of Missouri. Missouri residents need certainty regarding whether state-issued driver's licenses will be sufficient to access federal facilities and board commercial aircraft during the time it takes the Department of Revenue to implement changes outlined in the recently enacted legislation.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
United States Senator



Roy Blunt
United States Senator