The Honorable Mark Dayton  
Governor of Minnesota  
130 State Capital  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155  

Dear Governor Dayton,

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) would like to congratulate you and the State of Minnesota for your efforts in supporting our shared goal of improving the security of state-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards.

This letter serves as formal notification that DHS has made a final determination that Minnesota is in full compliance with the REAL ID Act and regulation. In accordance with the REAL ID regulation, DHS has reviewed the information provided by Minnesota and found that Minnesota has begun implementing a program that meets the standards of the Act and regulation.

With this notification, federal agencies may continue to accept for official purposes driver’s licenses and identification cards issued by Minnesota. As a reminder, starting October 1, 2020, only REAL ID-compliant licenses or identification cards will be acceptable for official purposes.

I applaud Minnesota leadership in enhancing the security of its driver’s licenses and identification cards. Should you need additional information, do not hesitate to contact the REAL ID Program Office at (202) 447-3368. For all other homeland security matters, please contact the DHS Office of Partnership and Engagement at (202) 282-9310.

Sincerely,

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Mona Dohman, Commissioner of Public Safety, State of Minnesota