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Dear Commissioner Harrington and Director Corrie:

The October 1, 2020 deadline for implementation of REAL ID is fast approaching. Coincidentally, it falls only one month before a major national election, when many Minnesotans use their driver's license as a form of identification in registering to vote.

A December 27, 2019 *Star Tribune* article cited the troubling statistic that "less than 10% of Minnesotans have obtained a driver's license or state identification card that conforms to requirements of the federal Real ID Act of 2005." We feel that it is imperative that the Department of Public Safety get the word out about this crucial deadline so the 90% of Minnesotans currently without this card have it by next October.

Here are examples of how some states are advertising this deadline:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQXdeKVj4bU&feature=youtu.be>.

https://realid.ilsos.gov/media/realid_radio.mp3.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z07kaLIIHes>.

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While we are aware of the REAL ID YouTube video on the DPS website, we would like to know what in addition DPS is planning to do to proactively inform Minnesotans of this important deadline.

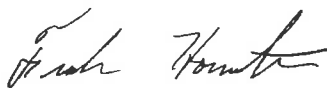
For example, are any mass mailings planned? Will DPS purchase television and radio time to advertise the deadline? Are there plans to advertise in Minnesota airports? Are e-mails planned? Will there be advertising on social media sites like Facebook? We firmly believe that the more information avenues used, the more compliance we will see by next October. Please let us know of your plans.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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State Representative



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