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Good morning Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am Glenn Jackson, Director of the Driver's License Division at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address you today.

Individual identification has become a central theme in the driver licensing environment since September 11, 2001. The Real ID Act of 2005 established requirements for issuance of Real ID compliant identification documents, of which the driver's license and photo identification card are central. Related to this is the subject of voter identification for election purposes. The following is a brief overview of both of these issues.

**Voter Identification:** An issue has developed over the past few years regarding proper identification of individuals when voting. Commentary to date centers on the NDDOT as gatekeeper to identification through provision of identification information to the voter file, and the concern that the NDDOT does not actively require applicants for a license or ID Card to provide written documentation for verification of a residential address.

**Real ID:** The latest information from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides clarity on the compliance process going forward. States with a current waiver to compliance with Real ID requirements (ND has a waiver through October 2016) must request a waiver annually, but may gain waivers through 2019. States without a waiver must be compliant by January 2018. States that lose their waiver must be compliant at a date chosen by DHS. All states must be compliant by October 1, 2020.

North Dakota does not comply with Real ID requirements in two critical areas, verification of residential address, and scanning and storage of residential address information and other required primary document identification information, such as the SSN card, birth certificate, marriage certificate, etc.

**Impacts:** No ND driver's license or identification card will be useful for federal ID purposes, such as access to federal facilities or boarding aircraft, after October 1, 2020, or earlier if we lose the waiver, unless we become Real ID compliant. Validating a residential address with a document ends the online address change process and requires all changes to be submitted in person to a DL office.

While compliance with Real ID would solve the voter identification problem, resolving the voter identification problem will not make North Dakota compliant with Real ID. Additionally, compliance with Real ID has associated costs. However, a new driver's license operating system is NOT required for Real ID compliance.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, I would be happy to answer any questions.