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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am excited to share some information with you about the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) plan for REAL ID implementation.

Beginning October 1, 2020, the federal government will require a driver license or identification (ID) card to be REAL ID compliant if an individual wishes to use it as identification to board an airplane or enter military bases and certain federal facilities. The DMV will offer customers the option to apply for a REAL ID driver license or ID card beginning January 22, 2018.

A REAL ID is not required. A passport, military ID, or other federally approved document can be used at any time for federal purposes. If a customer has another federally approved identification, does not fly, or does not plan to visit a military base or certain federal facilities, they do not need a REAL ID.

Valid California driver license and ID cards can be used for federal purposes until October 1, 2020. After that date, a REAL ID or other federally approved document will be required.

The DMV is beginning an outreach campaign to inform Californians about REAL ID implementation. Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues. I attached a REAL ID Fact Sheet with more information about the program.

Visit the DMV webpage on REAL ID at [REALID.dmv.ca.gov](http://REALID.dmv.ca.gov).

To stay updated on REAL ID, sign up for DMV news alerts at [https://www.emailalert.dmv.ca.gov/DMVEmail\\_Alert/](https://www.emailalert.dmv.ca.gov/DMVEmail_Alert/).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Shiimoto".

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