



March 5, 2020

Dear Representative Hornstein,

The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, representing 6,300 businesses and more than 500,000 employees statewide, strongly support HF 3964, a bill to update the statutory documentation requirements for obtaining a REAL ID compliant driver's license or identification card.

As you know, the Minnesota Chamber was a strong supporter of the work done in 2017 to finally bring Minnesota into compliance with the federal REAL ID Act. Given the consequences of inaction (Minnesotans using their state driver's licenses as identification being barred from federally regulated air travel and entrance to certain federal facilities), this is an issue that Minnesota employers followed very closely. Minnesota's businesses rely upon efficient air travel for their employees or require their employees to regularly access federal facilities or other secure sites.

With the October 1, 2020, date for full state compliance quickly approaching, many Minnesotans have been frustrated by the overly stringent documentation standards state law requires they follow when applying for a REAL ID – documentation standards that go further than what's required under the federal law itself. These standards have brought unnecessary confusion and frustration to the REAL ID process, adding to the growing concern that those who want to obtain a REAL ID compliant license or identification card will be able to do so before the October 1st deadline.

Passage of HF 3964 will help to ease Minnesotans' burden of obtaining compliant licenses and identification cards and will remove some of the time-consuming and frustrating confusion that has weighed down the REAL ID process in Minnesota. We thank you for your work to bring this legislation forward, and we urge the members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Division to support it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bentley Graves', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bentley Graves
Director Health Care &
Transportation Policy