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SUBJECT: Enhancement to Driver License and ID cards

In 2017, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) began issuing a redesigned Florida driver license and ID card to provide enhanced security features for customers, better protecting against identity and driver license fraud. As you may recall, the redesign also included the intent to remove the magnetic strip on the back of the credential in 2019 and be replaced with an enhanced security feature. Supervisor of Elections' involvement, in conjunction with law enforcement and other stakeholders, has been a crucial component to developing and implementing these security measures.

Enclosed are details regarding the modified Florida driver license and ID card which will be available at select locations starting in May 2019. Modifications to the credential includes the removal of the magnetic strip, the addition of a tactile feature and changes to the data and data layout to keep Florida's credential the most secure over-the-counter credential on the market today.

By the end of August 2019, the modified credential will be available at all service centers throughout Florida and online. Though previous driver license and identification cards will still be in use alongside the enhanced credential until they are replaced or phased out. All credentials issued after August 2019, will be the modified credential. **Any credentials with a magnetic strip and no tactile feature with an issue date after August 31, 2019, are fraudulent.** As a reminder, any credentials with the previous style (beach background) with an issue date after January 1, 2018, are fraudulent.

To help answer questions, please see the enclosed trifold brochure detailing the changes included in Florida's redesigned driver license and ID card and the calibration sheet for the 2D barcode. Our website, flhsmv.gov/newDL, provides additional resources for you, our stakeholders and customers. FLHSMV will be reaching out to all stakeholders to ensure they have the necessary resources and information throughout this process.

Our goal is to provide the best service and maintain the highest level of security for all Floridians. If you have any questions about the new credential, please contact our team at newDL@flhsmv.gov. We appreciate your continued partnership.