REAL ID Legislation Introduced in U.S. Congress
On February 11th, Congresswoman Debbie Lesko (R-AZ) introduced HR 5827, the “Trusted Traveler REAL ID Relief Act of 2020.” While much of the legislation is focused on traveler screening, it also includes language in Section 3 that would permit a state to establish a process for the submission of electronic documents to satisfy the requirements of REAL ID. The Act has been referred to the House Homeland Security Committee.

AAMVA has partnered with the National Governors Association and the National Conference of State Legislators to work with Congresswoman Lesko’s office in the development of this language. AAMVA has also engaged with the committees of jurisdiction to increase state flexibility options in satisfying the requirements of the REAL ID program. These include pursuing all options as outlined in AAMVA’s recent submission to the Department of Homeland Security’s request for information on "Automated Solutions for the Submission of REAL ID Source Documents (DHS-2019-0056)."

AAMVA will continue to monitor the legislation as it progresses and will continue to emphasize alternative methodologies that promote state flexibility in satisfying REAL ID program requirements.