Office of Civil Rights & Liberties, Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement

U.S. Department of Homeland Security 601 South 12th Street Arlington, VA 20598



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Dear Tribal Leader:

## Subject: Request for Sample Facsimile of Tribal Government Issued Identification Card

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is committed to protecting the Nation's transportation systems while ensuring the freedom of movement of people and commerce. Air travel includes validating an individual's identity through verification of identity documents. To help our workforce recognize different identity documents, I am asking the assistance from federally recognized Native American tribes to share images of official tribal government issued identification that may be used for air travel within the United States.

TSA's goals in this project includes having the tools necessary to ensure a safe traveling public and streamlining processes to ensure validity of identification presented by travelers. Tribes that have provided sample identification cards have assisted TSA with minimizing traveler interruptions during validation check processes. Having sample identifications readily available helps ensure smooth travel for enrolled tribal members utilizing their tribal government issued identifications that meet TSA standards.

TSA works toward continuous process improvement and integration of the latest technologies and identification validation processes at all checkpoints throughout the nation. We look forward to continued work with tribes in evaluating technologies and identification standards. Please reach out to Ms. Marie Trottier, Tribal Affairs Liaison in TSA's Multicultural Branch within the Traveler Engagement Division for more information on this endeavor and all other TSA Tribal Affairs efforts. She can be reached at (571) 227-2860 or Marie.Trottier@tsa.dhs.gov

We thank you for your input and your continued partnership.

Best regards,

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