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Dear Ms Creecy

EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF DRIVER'S LICENCES TO EIGHT YEARS

I am writing to you on behalf of AfriForum, a civil rights organisation with more than 300 000 members. AfriForum is a staunch advocate of the protection of civil rights, constitutional principles and values, and transparent governance in South Africa.

The purpose of this letter is to demand that the Department of Transport urgently gives effect to its official decision that the validity period of driver's licence cards be extended to eight years.

The Department of Transport's Annual Performance Plan 2025/26 indicates that the decision has been made in principle by the department and that the proposal for implementation should be submitted to parliament for endorsement by the fourth quarter of the 2025/26 financial year.¹ This echoes the department's Strategic Plan for the fiscal years 2025–2030, tabled in April 2025,² and was confirmed by the Report of the Portfolio Committee on Transport on Budget Vote 40, dated 24 June 2025.³

I wish to remind you that the end of the 2025/26 financial year is drawing near and that urgent work must be made to table this proposal in parliament.

AfriForum does not merely regard this issue to be of great importance due to what is stated in the department's planning documents, but especially because no new driver's licence card printer has yet been acquired. The sooner a decision is implemented to extend the validity period to eight years, the sooner the department's burden to print new licence cards will be eased.

¹ https://static.pmg.org.za/DoT_APP_2025_26_13062025Final.pdf, pp. 66, 109, 113, 228

² https://static.pmg.org.za/DoT_Final_Strategic_Plan_2025_-_2030_03042025.pdf, pp. 63, 68, 98

³ <https://pmg.org.za/taled-committee-report/6193/>

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We appreciate your attention to this matter.

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