

NH out of National ID!

Say 'NO' to REAL ID and a multi-million \$\$ tax on NH drivers!

President Bush signed the REAL ID Act into law last year, turning your state driver's license into a *de facto* national ID card. You will have to show it to enter a federal building, open a bank account, or board a plane. Here are just a few of the reasons why REAL ID is a terrible idea.

- **The REAL ID puts you at risk of identity theft**

REAL ID creates a NATIONWIDE database that will make your personal information (photo, birth date, SSN, home address, driving record, biometric data, etc.) available to the federal government -- and every other state. This database will be a gold mine for identity thieves and junk marketers. (Especially since California DMV workers have been arrested for making bogus ID's out of real drivers' information -- and giving them to illegal aliens.)

- **REAL ID will create a bureaucratic nightmare -- and cost a fortune**

Real ID is an unfunded mandate. It won't be cheap to create a huge government bureaucracy to collect, verify, and share massive amounts of personal data. Experts estimate that REAL ID compliance will cost Pennsylvania \$85 million, Washington state over \$45 million annually for several years, and Virginia could pay up to \$169 million, plus \$63 million a year after that. *It could cost more than \$12 million to convert our NH driver's licenses into National ID cards*, but the federal government has only promised us \$3 million. The rest of that burden will fall on you and me -- the citizens and taxpayers of New Hampshire. [*Source: AP News and security expert Bruce Schneier - http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2006/01/real_id_harder.html]

- **REAL ID will destroy your hard-won privacy protections**

In New Hampshire, we're careful about our privacy. We fought for the right to have our photographs and SSN's removed from NH's database so they will not fall prey to abuse (like what happened in other states where everyone's ID photos were sold to marketers). The federal government wants to take these protections away from us, forcing us to share our photos and home addresses with everyone else in the system.

- **National ID is the mark of a Police State**

America has always been a free country. This is not a totalitarian regime where authorities can demand 'Your papers, please!' of its citizens. New Hampshire, the "Live Free or Die" state, is one of the last strongholds of freedom in the country. Let's put a stop to the encroaching police state. If we don't stand up for our rights, who will?

HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS: THERE'S A WAY OUT!

Fortunately, our elected representatives agree with us! Last month, the NH House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a bill -- *HB1582* -- which would take New Hampshire out of REAL ID!

Now it's in the hands of the state Senate, where it will pass or fail depending on whether or not YOU let your Senator know how you feel. Turn this paper to find out how to contact your Senator. Then ask him or her to take a courageous stand for freedom and vote to get us out of REAL ID. It'll only take a minute.

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