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Department of Homeland Security

Dear ,

Docket #: DHS-2006-0030

I am strongly opposed to implementation of the REAL ID act, and urge you to repeal it. Many people are concerned about privacy issues that could be caused by creating such a large national database. While this concerns me, my biggest concern is that REAL ID will cost a lot of money and do nothing at all to prevent terrorism.

No matter how carefully you design an ID, it will always be able to be forged. Or even worse, you could always find a corrupt employee at a state motor vehicles department to create perfect fake IDs for you. Furthermore, even if these IDs were absolutely airtight, they do nothing to prevent terrorism by people who have no record and are not under suspicion. The REAL ID act would not have prevented 9/11.

Instead of wasting money on IDs and databases which will do nothing to fight terrorism, you should be spending more of my tax money on the only two activities that really protect me--intelligence and disaster preparedness.

Sincerely,

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