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## **THE TRUTH ABOUT REAL ID: IT'S NOT A NATIONAL I.D.**

### **Conservatives and Liberals Agree:**

### **REAL ID is Essential to US Security**

#### **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR    EDITORIAL, DECEMBER 2, 2004**

"Driver's licenses have become a de facto national ID that future terrorists could easily abuse, especially if they are immigrants themselves. (The 9/11 hijackers, although in the US legally, used dozens of different driver's licenses)...The 9/11 commission's report recommended the federal government set standards for the issuance of IDs such as drivers' licenses. The president could use his "capital" to persuade key members of Congress to accept" the REAL ID Act.

#### **THE EAGLE FORUM, Phyllis Schlafly, April 20, 2005**

"The open-borders lobby is crying that the REAL ID Act would give us a national ID card, something that sounds un-American. The truth is that requiring the states to stop issuing driver's licenses to illegals is the best way to prevent the demand for a national ID card, which might prove irresistible if we suffer another terrorist attack on our own soil." On the Eagle Forum website <http://www.eagleforum.org/column/2005/apr05/05-04-20.html>

#### **USA TODAY, Editorial, March 6, 2007**

"For terrorists, travel documents are as important as weapons,' the 9/11 Commission noted in calling for national standards to make driver's licenses more uniform and tamper-proof....the fact is that driver's licenses are the nation's principal form of ID. As long as that's the case, they need to be credible...Averting terror attacks, however, requires layers of security. Credible IDs are an important layer...Motorists will have to [spend an estimated \\$20 more](#), a relatively small sum for a standardized, tamper-proof license..."

#### **NATIONAL REVIEW ONLINE    Editorial, March 20, 2007**

"The ACLU and its fellow-travelers on the right have denounced the law as creating a national identification card, with the usual sophomoric references to the Gestapo. ...The act simply does not create a national ID card."

#### **PORTLAND (ME.) HERALD    Editorial, March 1, 2005**

"As the bill stands, states are not required to conform, but will lose federal grants for driver's license programs if they do not. In addition, federal officers and transportation security agents will not have to accept licenses from nonconforming states as valid IDs for travel purposes.

"The concerns of privacy advocates, including civil liberties organizations and gun owners' groups, are understandable and well-founded. The United States should not be adopting a form of "internal passport" often used in totalitarian countries to keep track of their residents. Even the lesser step of adding "chips" with personal, financial and even medical data offers too great an opportunity for the violation of privacy. It thus should be rejected if it is ever proposed.

"What this bill would do, however, is merely improve the reliability of a common form of identification already used to verify that people purchasing travel tickets really are who they say they are. Having such a system in place could have been very valuable on Sept. 11, 2001. It could be even more valuable now. "

#### **THE OREGONIAN    PORTLAND, ORE.    Editorial, March 2, 2006**

Oregon is “the destination for obtaining false credentials and that the lax [drivers license] policies of our state could well be putting national security at risk... Oregon lawmakers, the governor and the secretary of state owe Oregonians a remedy. They must immediately implement the Federal Real I.D. Act, no later than early in the 2007 legislative session.”

## **UNABLE TO DEFEAT REAL ID WITH FACTS, OPPONENTS OF REAL ID, SUCH AS THE ACLU AND CATO INSTITUTE, HAVE RESORTED TO LIES.**

- The ACLU and CATO Institute both support open borders at the expense of America’s security.
- Both groups want to perpetuate the lax licensing laws that allowed the 9/11 terrorists to obtain the licenses they used to board aircraft and commit mass murder
- The ACLU and CATO Institute are responsible for a massive national campaign to misrepresent the nature and purpose of REAL

### **These Are The Lies the ACLU AND CATO Institute Are Telling the American People:**

- REAL ID mandates “a national driver’s license” and creates a single national database.
- “It’s a national identity system...internal passport used to track and control individuals’ movements and activities”
- REAL ID will result in “Increased security and ID-theft risks.”
- “Partial Cost Estimate for Real ID: \$11 billion.”
- REAL ID will mean “long lines, and bureaucratic nightmares for individuals”
- REAL ID “will not be effective against terrorism...identity-based security is not an effective way to stop terrorism.”
- REAL ID requires remotely readable RFID chips in drivers licenses
- REAL ID licenses and databases will contain information about gun ownership, political activity, travel and financial records.

## **THE FACTS ABOUT REAL ID:**

- **KNOWING THE TRUE IDENTITY OF APPLICANTS FOR US I.D. DOCUMENTS IS ESSENTIAL TO FIGHT TERRORISM.**
- **REAL I.D. IS NOT A “NATIONAL I.D.”** There will **NOT** be a national database. The states will still maintain control their DMV databases.
- **REAL ID does not require or ask states to gather any information other than what is already on your current license, related to your ability to drive a car.** (Name, corrective lenses, etc) No information about your political or religious affiliation, your health, your firearms ownership, etc., will be collected.
- **You will not be “required” to carry your license** unless you are driving a car on a public road.
- **REAL ID does not authorize police officers to randomly demand to see your papers.”** Your rights under the Fourth Amendment are unchanged.
- **REAL ID does not require states to put Radio Frequency Identity Chips (RFIDs) in licenses.**
- **REAL ID will make identity theft virtually a thing of the past.**
- **REAL ID will save the states money.** Experience in New York State has shown, secure I.D. documents result in massive reductions in welfare fraud, social security fraud, and Medicare fraud.
- **REAL ID will protect the democratic process** by making it virtually impossible for non-citizens and illegal aliens to register to vote.

**Under REAL ID only once in their lives Americans will face some inconvenience because they will have to provide verifiable proof of identity. Most will not be inconvenienced at all since they already have the proper documents. After you get a license under REAL ID renewals are routine, just as they are now, for the rest of your life.**