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Dear Senator Dunleavy,

Please vote to stop the advancement of SB-34 regarding implementation of Real ID. With an open mind and great interest I watched the entire testimony at the Senate State Affairs committee meeting on February 23. My unequivocal conclusion is that SB-34 and Real ID is contrary the best interest of the citizens of Alaska.

Real ID ultimately puts all of our security eggs in one basket. Common sense tells us this is a bad idea.

Real ID is a Federal mandate with the premise that Real ID will protect national security by denying legitimate US ID to illegal aliens. The efficacy of that premise is doubtful, but what is certain is that Real ID would diminish the freedom and security of legal US citizens. In the short run the Federal government would not have access, but ultimately the Real ID Act empowers unfettered Federal access to the ID databases of every State. The result is that the personal information of all citizens will eventually reside on one central database. As we know, all databases can be hacked. If one database has access to the security information of all citizens, then eventually we will all be compromised. It's Pandora's box.

The testimony of Mr. Jim Harper of the Competitive Enterprise Institute is prescient and should be taken very seriously. Murphy was right, whatever can go wrong will go wrong. And when it comes to the Federal government then O'Toole's corollary also applies: Murphy was an optimist. This is extremely dangerous because it puts absolute power in the hands of a few invisible bureaucrats. The tyranny which is possible is far more dangerous than the threat of terrorists that justified the law.

Real ID compliant ADLs would only benefit a few and would add operating expense at a time when every dollar is precious.

A great many Alaskans already possess federal ID that is acceptable to DHS. Anyone who has traveled to Canada, Mexico, or any other foreign country has been required to possess a Passport for reentry to the US for many years. Military personnel carry acceptable ID. Contractors working on Federal property have the opportunity to obtain acceptable ID. None of these people need a compliant ADL that would be available if SB-34 were enacted. The

compliant ADL ID envisioned by SB-34 would simply subsidize the cost of federally compliant ID for a select number of Alaskans.

The only way around the financial burden of SB-34 would be to charge a user fee to cover the entire cost of the program. If the user fee were equal or greater than the $55 cost of a passport card, then few would use the program. And setting the cost less than the $55 cost of a US Passport card would be a subsidy for a user group that does not include all Alaskans who already possess acceptable federal ID and have no desire to buy another. At a time when our PFD has been confiscated and we are threatened with an income tax, there is no excuse for enacting additional subsidies.

Please prevent the advancement of SB-34.

Two very important policies of the State of Alaska are be the security of Alaskan citizens and preservation of State sovereignty. SB-34 is contrary to both of these objectives. SB-34 should be rejected.

Respectfully,

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