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Missouri Attorney General's Office
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Attorney General Hawley,

We write to encourage you to take action on behalf of the people of Missouri regarding the overreach of the federal government and its plan to implement REAL ID policy as per the REAL ID Act of 2005. According to this federal law, the citizens of our state will be forbidden from exercising several freedoms we currently enjoy such as entering military installations, entering federal buildings and flying commercially. Furthermore, we believe the REAL ID Act of 2005 sets a dangerous precedent to empower a bureaucracy to unilaterally promulgate rules that prohibit our citizens from enjoying rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution.

The REAL ID Act of 2005 also requires the state of Missouri to scan and retain source documentation of Missouri citizens. In 2013, the General Assembly passed legislation, which was signed by Governor Nixon, which prohibits the Department of Revenue from retaining source documents used to obtain a drivers' license. The 2013 law was in addition to the 2009 law passed by the Missouri General Assembly which strictly forbids the state from cooperating with the REAL ID Act and that legislation was also signed by Governor Nixon. Furthermore, in 2014, the people of Missouri passed Amendment 9 to ensure their personal privacy was not violated by our government. It is abundantly clear the people of Missouri want their privacy; they do not want arbitrary conditions set forth by the government under the guise of security. In a time of increasingly dangerous threats to our national and personal security, both physically and where our privacy is concerned, it is paramount we work even harder to protect and secure the liberty and personal freedom of the people rather than forfeit them in exchange for a bigger all-knowing government that promises to help us.

Attorney General Hawley, we ask that you protect the liberty of Missouri citizens from the 'submit or else' condition imposed by the federal government. We implore you to take action

and help prevent the encroachment of the federal government's REAL ID Act of 2005, which we sincerely believe violates our Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Sincerely,

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