

Q/A on Repeal Real ID:

If you repeal this it will inconvenience people flying and people getting into federal buildings.

We will be far more inconvenienced with this law than without it.

- Nearly ALL of us need drivers licenses and/or non-driving photo ID cards.
- We will ALL be fingerprinted, retinally scanned, be subjected to facial recognition or any number of other biometrics thereby basically making us guilty until proven innocent.
- Being innocent until proven guilty is the cornerstone of our legal system and has been for hundreds and hundreds [if not thousand] years.
- It is highly likely that keeping us from flying, or making it so difficult we cannot fly, is in conflict with the commerce clause.
- It is most assuredly unconstitutional to keep me from a federal building which, if I am going to court, does not allow me due process under the law. It also does not allow me access to my representatives and, further, these buildings belong to the people.
- Only 30% of people in Maine fly, most of them have passports if necessary

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You don't care that there are illegal immigrants abusing our social services?

This isn't an immigration bill. It is not the state's job to solve the immigration issue.

- This law isn't really about immigrants, illegal or otherwise. We are all be being put "on trial" and having our civil rights taken away and our privacy and state's rights abridged by forcing us all to submit to fingerprinting and other intrusive means of "identification" and tracking.
- Per our federal and state constitutions, only the federal government can deal with and resolve Immigration issues.
- We do not have the resources in the state to turn our DMV into an immigration bureau even if it were legal.
- Even the federal government doesn't have a definition for legal presence, how can we possibly leave it up to 50 different states to define a law that we're being told must be consistent in order to "keep us safe"? This is a federal issue.
- The State of Maine not only can't be an Immigration Bureau, we don't have the resources, finances or ability to enforce immigration law.
- This law is about all people of the state and country handing over their civil and privacy rights to the federal government.
- There is no proof that we know of that supports the Governor and Chertoff's claim that people are coming in by truckloads, van loads, plane loads to get Maine licenses. We believe this to be an overstated scare tactic. Show us the proof.

- The alleged 9-11 hijackers would all have gotten Real ID LEGALLY.
- The way the "solution" is set up, businesses, especially small business, will bear the brunt of the cost both financially and in lack of ability to keep businesses going.
- Maine has seasonal workers on which agriculture and other businesses depend. This population does important work that Mainers [and Americans] won't do. Whether this population is treated fairly is of question, these laws make it fairly prohibitive to depend on seasonal immigrant workers and it stigmatizes these workers that much more. This population is critical to Maine.

Why shouldn't there be a law that Maine driver's licenses only go to Maine residents?

We are being misled when our political leaders say this only assures Maine residents get Maine licenses. That isn't what this bill does [that was LD 2304]

- It is disingenuous to suggest that the Real ID bill, which we are repealing, has anything to do with Maine residency.
- The Maine residency requirement to get a Maine drivers license, for good or ill, was passed BEFORE the Real ID bill. The Governor knows this, the Minority Leader knows this, the policy makers know this.
- To be clear; while the Maine residency law [LD 2304] does not require the intrusive measures the Real ID law does, it DOES require than ANYONE even just renewing a license MUST have various proofs of residency with them when they go to the DMV. Whether this is for good or ill, it will be inconvenient for many Mainers on a much wider scale than for those who fly.

If you're not a criminal, why should you care about taking the extra time and intrusion to comply with the new regulations?

- First, this is NOT what our founding fathers envisioned when they wrote the Constitution and Bill of Rights. This is exactly what they fought so they could be free.
- The federal government has abused its privilege with American citizens: illegal wiretapping [not just of suspected terrorists, and expanding the definition of "terrorism"], indiscriminate accessing of our email, laws that allow the government to take and own our DNA and that of our children. This is a giant step [and looks very similar to other governments] toward a fascist state. This is not a term or concept to be considered lightly.
- The database where these data will be stored have few, if any, restrictions on who, what, when, where and why they can be accessed. Even Michael Chertoff admitted they have no plan right now...but states have to sign on, regardless of consequences. It is a blank check on our civil, private and state's rights...we have no control [if we give in now] over what that will cost us in regard to our freedom, liberty and justice.
- The SAVE program, to which we are being forced to enter, is wrong over 60% of the time. There are many false positives and false negatives. You could be

tagged as a criminal, or as someone else, very easily and it will be almost impossible to change it. Those who might be guilty of having two identities, or various licenses or may be a criminal, could get away with it easily enough.

- It is very easy for criminals to get false documentation. It is unlikely a law abiding citizen would even know where to go or how to do it. Let's deal with the small percentage of "terrorists" or "criminals" there are without turning our entire population into criminals by assumption.

The true cost of Real ID is not known. The best guess is that it will cost over \$4 billion for the country to comply. Most experts believe that is an extremely conservative number and will be in the trillions.

The cost to Maine for fully complying is estimated [probably conservatively] at \$71 million. The cost for this piece of complying was irresponsibly put off until the next budget biennium. Neither party wanted this to be a campaign issue or to make it clear that either your license cost would go up [just for this part of complying] 50%, or if it came out of the General Fund, that schools or other important programs would have to be cut even further just to fund an unfunded [and unnecessary] federal mandate.

You're just a conspiracy theorist, just a "moonbat."

- The breadth of opposition to Real ID extends from the Cato Institute and NRA to ACLU and Common Cause....from the left of the Left to the right of the Right politically. It includes gun clubs and sportsmen and the Green Party, churches of all persuasions.
- Many bills have been passed since Real ID which further our concern about privacy and civil rights issues clearly being under attack: DNA being taken from newborns and archived in perpetuity. DNA taken from people detained or arrested for the smallest of "crimes" [civil disobedience, being handcuffed for protesting in front of the White House or congressional delegation office]. The same groups above are concerned that all these bills together amount to huge infringements on our liberty, freedom and rights.
- Michael Chertoff proudly claims you will need Real ID to open a bank account, get a license, get any governmental service and more. It is not hard to imagine the creep to other areas of our lives including rationing, buying a house, renting an apartment, getting a job and how that will be determined considering what data could be influencing the outcome [medical records, financial records, education records, driving records, speeding records....some of which may be wrong].
- These concerns are shared by those across a huge political spectrum.