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MEMO: To Members of the Connecticut General Assembly

SUBJECT: Support for SB 436

Dear Senators and Representatives,

I wish to add my name to those supporting SB 436, an Act to Prohibit the State of Connecticut from Complying with the Federal Real ID Act of 2005. We are rapidly seeing the conversion of our once free nation into a police state. If this statement seems extreme, let's connect the dots.

Since the terrorist attack of 11 September, 2001, the American people have seen the Bill of Rights under assault. Such bills as the Patriot Act, Military Commissions Act, Protect America Act, the Real ID Act, the Department of Homeland Terrorism, and the decision to use torture are direct attacks on the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Amendments. Rep Alcee L. Hastings (D-FL) has introduced HR 645, an act that would have the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Terrorism set up no fewer than six relocation camps for American civilians.

Add to this the never ending effort to disarm the American people (the Second Amendment), efforts to control the Internet (the First Amendment), and the "emergency powers" invented by the Congress, and the picture looks a lot closer to Germany in the late Thirties than the USA. I am calling for CT to join several other states in refusing to implement this effort to create a file with personal, medical, financial and biometric data on American citizens.

We are told that this is vital to protect us from terrorism. We are hearing this from the same politicians who refuse to enforce the immigration laws already passed by Congress, and have left our borders open. How can we take their concern about security seriously?

If we are to see an end to the terrorist threat, we need to change our intrusive, interventionist foreign policy to a more traditional American foreign policy of minding our own business. We need to follow the advice of two of our presidents: George Washington who said: "Beware of foreign entanglements", and Teddy Roosevelt who said: "Speak softly and carry a big stick".

This is not my idea. This is what the CIA has said, and it's what Osama bin Laden has said. If you throw rocks at a hornets' nest, you are probably going to get stung. The terrorists were content to kill each other until our politicians interjected us into their wars. Today, the American people are paying the price for that folly.



I for one, refuse to sacrifice my freedom for the promise of security. I want my freedoms restored. The passage of SB 436 is a step in the right direction. Please support the people of Connecticut and our Constitution. I am asking that you cast a vote for freedom.

Sincerely,



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