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Dear Senators,

I'm contacting you on behalf of the organization Fear No More—a group of 50 plus patriots who work to counteract the presence of government overreach and fear through: prayer, education, and truth seeking and propaganda exposure.

We are asking you to vote against the funding of a report or anything to facilitate the adoption of digital drivers licenses: [HF 4293](#) (including Article 14, Section 17, lines 238.3-238.16), which establishes a report for the feasibility of transitioning Minnesota to digital vehicle documents, including digital drivers' licenses.

1. Digital drivers' licenses allow an invasion of personal privacy. Digital IDs allow the state to place a government-accessible app on to a person's phone. Apps are designed to collect information on the phone user—it is very likely that a digital driver's license would have similar capabilities. Furthermore, the verification process for digital drivers' licenses may require that the government be notified (pinged) each time a person uses their ID. Through this process the state could gain a significant amount of information regarding a person such as their location, medical prescriptions, gun purchases, alcohol use, travel plans, etc. (See ACLU overview: https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_document/20210517-digitallicense.pdf)

2. Digital drivers' licenses increase government power and control. The “benefits” reported by states that have begun or fully implemented digital drivers' licenses all include increased government control and surveillance abilities. In Iowa, officials reported that digital drivers' licenses gave them the ability to suspend or revoke a person's license at any time. In Pennsylvania, police officers praised digital drivers' licenses for giving them the ability to, “wirelessly pull up a driver's identification without having to leave their patrol cars.”

3. Digital drivers' licenses marginalize members of society. To use a digital ID a person needs access to sufficient technology. This means that anyone who is unable to afford a smart phone, is unable to use one (young drivers and the elderly), or who simply prefer not to use the latest technology, may find their access to society restricted. Digital drivers' licenses could create a “no card, no care” system for health care that prevents people from receiving treatment.

Our rights and personal freedoms are being slowly chiseled away day by day. Please vote against this bill as this is just another way that the government will be able to control and invade the privacy of the great people of the State of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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