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JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO REPEAL THE REAL ID ACT OF 2005

PRESENTED BY: Elizabeth A. Mitchell
(Senator MITCHELL)
COUNTY: Kennebec

123LR2504(01)-1

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 214.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

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WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-Third Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Congress of the United States, as follows:

WHEREAS, the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 mandates an unfunded national driver's license on the people of Maine and was passed as a rider on a military spending bill; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the REAL ID Act of 2005 will cost Maine taxpayers approximately \$185 million; and

WHEREAS, the REAL ID Act of 2005 national database will invite theft of identity and invasion of privacy; and

WHEREAS, the REAL ID Act of 2005 will impose inconveniences and higher taxes on Mainers with no attendant benefit such as protections from terrorism; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Maine State Legislature refuses to implement the REAL ID Act of 2005, and we thereby protest the treatment by Congress and the President as agents of the Federal Government; and be it further

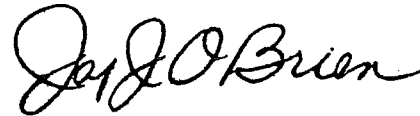
RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005; and be it further

RESOLVED: That official copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security; the Honorable John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine; the Honorable Richard Cheney, President of the United States Senate; the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

IN THE SENATE CHAMBER

January 25, 2007

MOTION BY SENATOR MITCHELL OF KENNEBEC READ AND
ADOPTED (REMARKS MADE) ORDERED SENT DOWN
FORTHWITH FOR CONCURRENCE



SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

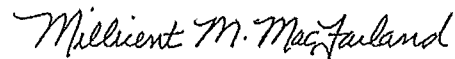
January 25, 2007

READ AND ADOPTED.

ROLL CALL NO. 4

(YEAS 137 - NAYS 4 - ABSENT 10 - EXCUSED 0)

IN CONCURRENCE. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.



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