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**AGAINST REAL ID**  
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# Repeal of Florida REAL ID Laws

## \*\*\* BILLS FILED AS HB 109 and S 220 \*\*\*

1. **Federal Funds not at Risk.** There will not be a loss of any “federal” highway or other funds. HR 4160 in the Republican 110<sup>th</sup> Congress and HR 140 in the Democrat 111<sup>th</sup> Congress both died in committee, and no such legislation has been introduced in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress. A main component of REAL ID has had its funding cut by the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress as of December 2010, with \$16.5 million in funding for the “hub” being rescinded (HR 3082).
2. **It Doesn’t Work.** REAL ID has not prevented and cannot prevent any terror plots. See the Heritage Foundation’s publication entitled *39 Terror Plots Foiled Since 9/11: Examining Counterterrorism’s Success Stories*. REAL ID was not a factor in any of those failed plots.
3. **It’s Expensive.** According to Steven Fielder at the Dept. of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) Office of Legislative Affairs in a May 2011 email, the taxpayer has spent over \$10 million on this law, with Florida paying almost \$3 million that was never offset by “federal” money. This email is available for verification.
4. **It’s Opposed by Nearly All.** The repeal bill is not the typical Democrat vs. Republican issue. It has negatively affected ALL Floridians- rich, poor, young, old, black, white. If anything, it has placed a disproportionate amount of paperwork & cost upon women due to name changes. It’s opposed across the political spectrum from the ACLU to The Tea Party Network.
5. **Florida has Already Deviated.** The State of Florida has already deviated from the REAL ID Act by relaxing document requirements on those born before 1945. There have been no legal consequences from this action.
6. **19 States have Prohibited REAL ID.** Florida is now one of just seven states requiring REAL ID by legislative action. Two states (Minnesota & Utah) that passed REAL ID have now restricted REAL ID by legislative action. There have been no legal consequences from this action.

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