



October 20, 2008

Chairman Allan Polunsky
Texas Public Safety Commission
8000 Robert F. McDermott Freeway
San Antonio, TX 78230

Dear Chairman Polunsky,

We applaud the Texas Public Safety Commission for adopting 37 T.A.C. § 15.171. By verifying the citizenship and legal residency status of those who apply for a Texas Drivers License, you have taken important steps toward combating the growing fiscal and social costs of illegal immigration and protecting homeland security.

Ultimately, a Texas Drivers License confers upon the holder certain legal standing, allowing that individual to operate a motor vehicle, enter a federal building, board a plane, purchase tobacco and alcohol, or even cast a vote in federal, state, or local elections. It is imperative that 37 T.A.C. § 15.171 be enforced in order to prevent illegal immigrants from accruing the many legal benefits, and the legitimacy, that come with holding a Texas Drivers License.

Furthermore, 37 T.A.C. § 15.171 links the expiration date of Drivers Licenses held by legal non-citizens to the expiration date of their legal status, ensuring that those who overstay their visa can be identified accordingly.

We fully support implementation of 37 T.A.C. § 15.171 and in the 81st Legislative Session, we will offer legislation to codify the rule in statute. Until then, please continue to implement and enforce the new Drivers License rule. It is incumbent upon state leaders to secure publicly-issued identity documents; 37 T.A.C. § 15.171 helps achieve this important goal.

Sincerely,

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State Representative Wayne Christian

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State Representative Linda Harper-Brown



State Representative Leo Berman



State Representative Dan Flynn



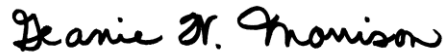
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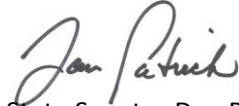
State Representative Geanie Morrison



State Representative Larry Taylor



State Representative Corbin Van Arsdale



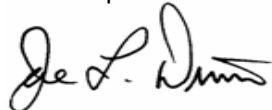
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State Representative Betty Brown



State Representative Myra Crownover



State Representative Joe Driver



State Representative Kelly Hancock



State Representative Patricia Harless



State Representative Charlie Howard



State Representative Jim Jackson



State Representative Thomas Latham



State Representative Jim Murphy



State Representative Rob Orr



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State Representative John Zerwas

Cc: The Honorable Rick Perry, Governor of Texas