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Citizens' Council for Health Freedom: Failure of REAL ID Bill in MN Senate is a Win for States' Rights and Individual Privacy

ST. PAUL, Minn.—*Citizens' Council for Health Freedom (CCHF, www.cchfreedom.org)*, a national health freedom and patient advocacy organization based in St. Paul, released the following statement today about the 29-38 vote against Minnesota's REAL ID bill.

"We are pleased that Senator Pratt's bill to submit to REAL ID failed in the Minnesota Senate," said Twila Brase, president and co-founder of CCHF. "The Minnesota legislature should not enact laws that enable federal encroachment and violation of our state's 10th Amendment rights. REAL ID unconstitutionally federalizes Minnesota state driver's licenses and identification cards and hands control of them over to the federal government. The right of every citizen to freely buy and sell, move around the country, and access goods and services is jeopardized by REAL ID, which gives a single bureaucrat the right to expand the required uses of the card into other federally-regulated activities, including health care.

"As the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Printz vs. United States*, the Federal Government cannot compel states to enact or implement a federal regulatory program. States cannot be compelled to implement REAL ID or hand over control of identification and movement to the federal government. We support Minnesota legislators standing up to the federal government's bullying tactics—the 'you can't fly' threat—and saying no."

With REAL ID being debated in several states, **CCHF** has a section of its website dedicated to **[REAL ID](#)**, countering the misconceptions and misstatements about the national ID law.

CCHF has launched ***The Wedge of Health Freedom*** (www.JointheWedge.com) to restore simplicity, affordability, and confidentiality to health care. **[Wedge practices](#)**, where patients can find affordable, patient-centered care, are located in 43 states and can be found online.

CCHF is a national patient-centered health freedom organization existing to protect health care choices, individualized patient care, and medical and genetic privacy rights. For more information about **CCHF**, visit its web site at www.cchfreedom.org, its **[Facebook](#)** page or its Twitter feed **@CCHFFreedom**. For more about ***The Wedge of Health Freedom***, visit www.JointheWedge.com, ***The Wedge*** **[Facebook](#)** page or follow ***The Wedge*** on Twitter **@wedgeoffreedom**.

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