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Dear Governor Tomblin,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am pastor Butch Paugh. I have not yet had the privilege of meeting you in person. Over the course of Senator Manchin's tenure as governor, I had the honor to speak with him face to face on a few occasions. The circumstances that led to our meetings with Senator Manchin were of the utmost importance and urgency to numerous people in the state. Please allow me to briefly explain.

In August of 2008, Senator Manchin intervened on our behalf to help us to once again become "law abiding" citizens of our wonderful state without violating our sincerely held Christian convictions. Previous to this date, I and others were unable to obtain a "legal" driver's license for about ten years. Governor, beginning about 2000, states began issuing a driver's license requiring a "digital" photo" (numbered image). This biometric identification is to be placed, not only on the driver's license, but also in a national and international database. Governor Tomblin, for over a period of about ten years, we were forced to fight for our sincerely and strongly held Christian convictions. We endeavored to explain our predicament through numerous letters, phone calls, and meetings with various state officials. While I am sure that the meetings were not totally in vain, we saw no substantial gain in our goal to work out an agreement that would permit us to accept the "updated" license.

That changed when we met then Governor Manchin. He understood our predicament and realized that our sincerely held convictions could not be compromised. His immediate intervention solved our problem with the new ID system. For ten years, by necessity, I and others continued to travel over the roads of West Virginia and nation without a license. No one else seemed to have the desire or ability to help us. We will always be grateful to Senator Joe Manchin's intervention on our behalf.

Governor Tomblin, we *cannot* and *will not* "voluntarily" surrender our God given uniqueness to any manmade system for any purpose! The absolute uniqueness our Creator gives each individual is private property and non-transferable. Governor, because of our convictions and with all good conscience, we cannot enter into the Real ID biometric "capturing" system. We are God's creation and a sovereign people. Please read Rev. 13:16-18. Sir, the only criteria given in the above scriptures that proves and sets forth the standards for the "mark" is that you cannot buy or sell without it. Governor, I don't think I need to go into detail with you as to how difficult, if not impossible, it is to function without a "state" approved ID. The drivers' license is *now* considered a national ID and will soon be used as a passport and more. The license is quickly morphing to fit the biblical criteria.

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It is our understanding that DMV Commissioner, Joe Miller, has taken it upon himself to undo the workable agreement made by Sen. Manchin. Mr. Miller has ordered the removal of the one DMV ID camera in Charleston that did not "store" our digital photo. Only a hard copy was left on file if it were ever needed.

Governor, we were not notified of this policy change. Mr. Miller's actions have once again entangled us in another struggle against a very intrusive program. Sir, this is a totally unnecessary development that will once again cause problems for many of us. I am certain, Governor, that you can quickly remedy this situation.

We know this can be done with your assistance Governor. Will you *please* intervene and help us?

If you have any questions or if there is anyway we can be of help to solve this issue, please contact us. Thank you.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Butch Paugh