



April 26, 2010

The Honorable Brad Henry
Governor
State Capitol Building
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Rm. 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Henry:

The Security Industry Association (SIA) respectfully urges you to veto House Bill 2569, which would prohibit the use of radio frequency identification (RFID) technology in drivers' licenses and identification cards. SIA is an international trade association and leading voice for more than 350 manufacturers, distributors and integrators of electronic and physical security solutions.

SIA and its members agree there may be some legitimate concerns about the use of RFID technology in certain applications. However, SIA members are concerned that HB 2569 could have dire unintended consequences on technology used to ensure the validity of identification credentials. If enacted into law, this proposal would drive the use of alternative technologies that are less secure and more likely to compromise the personal information of Oklahomans. Unfortunately, this legislation reflects common misperceptions about RFID applications that are based upon twisted facts and emotions generated by ill-informed "privacy rights" advocates.

SIA members are firmly committed to working with you and members of the Oklahoma legislature to ensure that legitimate privacy concerns associated with the use of RFID applications are thoroughly researched and analyzed by government and industry technical experts. To this end, SIA recommends that you issue an Executive Order mandating a comprehensive study of security and privacy issues associated with the use of RFID technology in government-issued identification documents. SIA would enthusiastically support such an initiative by offering our members' technical expertise, recommendations and best practices for addressing RFID privacy and security issues.

Governor, please be assured that safeguarding the privacy of personal information collected through government-issued identification documents is of paramount concern to our membership. SIA and its members are developing privacy principles for the use of electronic physical security products and services that we believe would be useful in a study of the issue identified by HB 2569.

Thank you for allowing the Security Industry Association to affirm its steadfast opposition to HB 2569. SIA believes that many of the goals of this legislation can be accomplished through your leadership, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Chace". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Richard Chace
CEO
Security Industry Association