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Mr. Dean Misczynski  
California Research Bureau  
900 N Street, Suite 300  
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Dear Mr. Misczynski:

As you know, the right to privacy is a personal and fundamental right protected by the California Constitution. As such, all Californians have an inherent right to privacy with regard to the distribution, storage, and use of their personal information by government.

In order to ensure that the State of California maintains stringent privacy standards, while exploring the potential benefits of new electronic identification technologies, state policymakers need a continuous supply of good data about how best to secure personal privacy in an age of ubiquitous computing. To that end, I ask the California Research Bureau (CRB) to prepare and deliver a report on security and privacy recommendations for government-issued, radio frequency identification (RFID)-enabled identity documents (IDs).

I would also like to request that the CRB establish an advisory board to provide technical support, answer bureau questions, outline the strengths and weaknesses of potential approaches to privacy and security protocols, and assist the CRB in the completion of the report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joe Simitian'.

S. Joseph Simitian  
State Senator, 11<sup>th</sup> District

