

## **Why Must Citizens Use the Courts to Protect our Rights?**

Below is a news release from the **Oklahoma House of Representatives** addressing inalienable rights, which the Federal Government and Homeland Security seem to believe they are immune from upholding.

This news release could just as well reflect Pennsylvania's legislature instead of Oklahoma's.

We, the citizens of Pennsylvania, are now in our third attempt to get passage of bills to prohibit implementation of Real ID in Pennsylvania and stop PennDOT from violating our rights.

Our first attempt in 2008 resulted in House of Representatives watering down Representative Rohrer's bill by passing Representative Thomas's bill. The bill died in the Senator Wonderling's Committee. He used to work for PennDOT

Last year the Senate passed Senator Folmer's bill to prohibit Real ID, but it died in the House Appropriation's Committee after its first reading on the House Floor. Majority Leader Representative Eachus chose to kill the bill in committee.

This year we have three bills to protect our rights; Senator Folmer's bill, SB 354, and Representative Keller's bill, HB 1783, prohibits implementation of Real ID, and Senator Kitchen's bill, SB 356, would prohibit the taking of biometrics without consent. Let's co-sponsor these bills and exercise our right to nullify unconstitutional federal law. Why should citizens pay attorneys and court costs to protect our rights to privacy and religious freedom when we elect Pennsylvania Representatives and Senators to uphold their oath to the US and Pennsylvania Constitutions?

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#### ***Rep. Key Comments on Kay Beach Case***

***Kay Beach, mother, wife, patriot and Christian, is doing what the Oklahoma Legislature failed to do***

OKLAHOMA CITY – State Rep. Charles Key issued the following statement today and was joined by other legislators:

“Why is a traffic court case of importance to all Oklahomans? Kaye Beach is challenging the lawfulness of the collection of her biometrics and other personal information as a

requirement to acquire a state driver's license. Biometrics is defined as measurements of the body. Examples of biometrics include fingerprints, iris scans, facial recognition and DNA.

"Kaye attempted to renew her driver's license but was denied. She was later cited for driving with an expired driver's license. She again attempted to renew her license but was denied. On July 21, 2011, Kaye's citation was dismissed after her attorneys, Ben Sisney and Jon Echols of the law firm Echols and Associates, presented her case to the Norman City Attorney's office. Sisney and Echols expressed appreciation for the time and consideration provided by the Assistant City Attorney.

"The dismissal of Kaye's criminal charge is not the end of the story. Rather, this is the beginning of what is expected to be a robust legal journey through the Oklahoma court system. Kaye plans to file a civil suit which could potentially ensure that not just Kaye's rights, but the rights of all Oklahomans, are protected.

"In past legislative sessions, bills have been offered that would have served to protect all Oklahoma citizens from the unwarranted collection and sharing of their personal and biometric information – but that legislation was not permitted to be heard even in committee. Additional legislation that would have specifically protected the religious rights of Christians actually passed in one chamber only to be prevented from being heard in the other chamber. This "Biometric Religious Exemption" legislation, which was supported by members of both political parties, made it all the way to a conference committee only to be quashed by former Speaker Benghe who independently made the decision not to allow the legislation to progress. The biometric religious exemption bill would have allowed Christians to opt out of being enrolled into a single global system of identification that directly links a person's body to their ability to buy, sell and travel.

"The situation in the Oklahoma State Legislature is such that a powerful few, such as a committee chairman or the Speaker, can decide the fate of a bill denying constituents proper representation. If your state lawmaker is not in a leadership position, their ability to introduce and have legislation passed is unfairly hindered. We remain hopeful that current leadership with the support of the people and state legislators will end the practice of a few making decisions for all. Oklahomans should join other states that require bills be heard at the authors' request.

"It is a sad day when an Oklahoman must take individual legal action to protect her God given rights. While I do not encourage other Oklahomans to take such action, I think it is justified in this case and I support Kay Beach one hundred percent."

Signed by

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