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I am writing to express my opposition to SB 416, which directs the Department of Transportation to provide optional mobile driver licenses, driver permits, and identification cards. While the intention behind this legislation may be to modernize our identification processes, it raises significant concerns regarding privacy, security, and accessibility.

First and foremost, the implementation of mobile licenses involves the collection and storage of sensitive personal information on digital platforms. This transition poses serious risks, particularly in the realm of data security. With cyberattacks becoming increasingly sophisticated, the possibility of personal information being compromised is a legitimate concern. If sensitive data regarding millions of citizens were to fall into the wrong hands, it could lead to identity theft and other malicious activities.

Additionally, not all citizens have equal access to technology, and the move towards mobile identification could create barriers for those who are less tech-savvy or do not own smartphones. This could disproportionately affect vulnerable populations, including the elderly and low-income individuals, who may rely on traditional forms of identification. Ensuring equitable access to identification is crucial in our democratic society, and this bill could inadvertently disenfranchise those who are unable to adapt to digital platforms.

Furthermore, the introduction of mobile licenses could lead to confusion and complications in various situations, such as law enforcement interactions or travel, where physical identification is often required. The potential for discrepancies between digital and physical forms of identification could create unnecessary complications for citizens.

In conclusion, while the modernization of identification processes is important, the potential risks and inequities associated with SB 416 cannot be overlooked. I urge you to consider the implications of this legislation on privacy, security, and accessibility. It is essential that we prioritize the protection of individual rights and ensure that all citizens can participate fully in society without facing undue barriers.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I hope you will stand with me in opposing SB 416.