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The Honorable John Culberson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Representative Culberson:

9/11 Families for a Secure America, an association comprised of the families of hundreds of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, **urge in the strongest possible terms that Members of the House vote against the Oxley-Frank Amendment** to the Transportation Treasury Appropriations Bill.

All of our members are aware of the fact that the 9/11 murderers relied upon government -issued identification to open bank accounts and charge accounts, rent cars and apartments, and maintain an aura of legitimacy during the months they planned, rehearsed, financed and carried out their conspiracy. Finally, on the morning of 9/11, government-issued ID permitted them to board the planes they used to murder our loved ones.

The 9/11 Commission in its report stated that secure I.D. is crucial **“to ensure that people are who they say they are and to check whether they are terrorists.”** (Commission Report page 390).

The FBI has testified that matricula cards are **“not a reliable form of identification, due to the non-existence of any means of verifying the true identity of the card holder”**. (Testimony of Special Agent John McCraw speaking for the FBI, full statement available at <http://www.house.gov/judiciary/mccraw062603.htm>)

Thus, to permit banks to accept official but nevertheless fraudulent ID such as the Matricula card is to put the entire US banking system at the service of terrorists. This can only facilitate future terrorist activity.

The 9/11 families have begun preparing a record of votes in both Houses of the Congress on terrorism related legislation. We will make known to America’s voters the names of those Members who continue to vote for legislation such as the Oxley-Frank amendment that will aid future terrorist acts. Politicians who put the demands of special interests ahead of the security of the people of the United States will no longer be able to hide.

We will be watching. We will not be silent. We will hold accountable those guilty of facilitating more 9/11s. Americans will know how Members voted on this and other terrorist related legislation.

For ourselves and in the names of our loved ones murdered on 9/11 we thank you and other House Members who are acting to prevent more mass murder by terrorism our most sincere thanks,

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