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To: rfidworkshop
Cc:
Subject: I vehemently oppose RFID

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this letter to express my vehement opposition to RFID tracking, I do not like the idea of having an RFID chip in any article of clothing especially, I do not need corporations tracking my every movement via this device, I oppose all forms of tracking, and I'm especially angry about both these and Supermarket Club Cards, There are absolutely no safeguards in place regulating how long these companies can keep the data that they gather, It is known that courts can supoen a the supermarkets for the data and they have no choice but to turn over any information they receive. Besides, it is known that in many instances (even some I've seen myself) where the stores will actually raise the "everyday" price, and make the "Card" price the former everyday price to strong arm folks into using these things. As virtually every supermarket chain in the US has gone to implementing cards, it is very difficult to find chains or others that might not have them, and even if you do, in many cases, they are owned by a company that has stores that have the card programs in place. I've long advocated outlawing such cards, I don't mind if folks ask me to fill out a survey giving information they need, not the way the club cards go about it, strong-arming you into "Club card sales" and in some ways making you feel guilty for not having a card. These are all techniques of *force*. In a free country, we should not have to be forced to buy our groceries a certain way.

Respectfully

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