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The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
Oklahoma State Capitol  
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_

As your constituent, I am writing to urge you to express concern about a bill that bans religious headwear in driver's licenses and other identification card photos. I am concerned this bill fails to uphold the pluralism that both Oklahoma and our country stand for.

HB 1645 states, "the photograph or image shall clearly identify the licensee or cardholder and shall depict a full front unobstructed view of the entire head and shoulders of the licensee or cardholder. Hats, head scarves, head garments that cover or partially cover the head or shoulders are strictly prohibited and shall not be worn by the licensee or cardholder when being photographed for a license or identification card."

This bill not only affects the Muslim community but also a wide range of Oklahoma's faith communities such as Catholic nuns, Orthodox Jews, Sikhs and other religious groups who have headwear. This also affects medical patients, namely cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy who lose their hair and may wear wigs, scarves or hats.

I therefore call on you to oppose HB 1645 as a demonstration of your commitment to the U.S. Constitutional and First Amendment rights, that allow for Americans to practice their religion freely.

I look forward to hearing from you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

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