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Upper Darby Township Council
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Good afternoon,

We recently learned of the new Upper Darby requirement that photo identification be provided as part of a resale (U&O) application. We are extremely concerned about this new requirement for the following reasons:

1. Protecting the very sensitive personal information included on a driver's license will become a serious liability for Upper Darby. Highlighting the importance of this issue, the Driver's Privacy Protection Act (DPPA) is a federal law that limits the disclosure of "personal information" obtained from state departments of motor vehicles ("DMV") unless the recipient has a use permitted by the Act. How will the township compensate residents who have their personal information exposed through a breach in your system, staff error, etc?
2. Requiring a drivers license or photo ID for a use and occupancy permit will discriminate against minority citizens, adding a burden for minority individuals who seek to rent or buy a property in Upper Darby. Nationally, a disproportionately large percentage of minorities lack a photo ID. Up to 25% of African-American citizens 18 or older lack government-issued photo ID, compared to only 8% of whites.
3. A drivers license or photo ID could be used to discriminate against various classes who are seeking to rent or buy a home in Upper Darby. Many local Realtors believe this could amount to a violation of their commitment to uphold the federal Fair Housing Act, which protects against discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

For these reasons, we are opposed to this new requirement and would ask that you reconsider enforcing it in relation to resale applications.

Sincerely,

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