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Chair Proctor, Members of the Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in support of HCR 5021.

My name is Jacqueline Doyer, Legal Policy Director of Honest Elections Project Action, a nonprofit group fighting for the right of every American to vote in free and fair elections. I am here today to offer my strong support for HCR 5021, a measure to enshrine voter ID in the Kansas constitution.

Voter ID laws are one of the most basic and elemental measures states should adopt to safeguard elections. In fact, [36](#) states have done exactly that, leveraging these requirements to combat fraud and ensure that only qualified, eligible voters cast ballots.

Despite frequent attempts to cast voter ID as controversial or even discriminatory, polling clearly shows that public opinion overwhelmingly favors ID laws. A [Gallup](#) survey from October 2024, for example, showed 84% support for a requirement that all voters show photo ID to vote. Earlier [polling](#) by HEP Action showed even higher support—88%—with nearly 70% of the public strongly favoring these requirements. Time and again, polling shows overwhelming support from Republicans, Independents, and Democrats alike across racial, income, and age groups. In other words, voter ID laws are neither controversial nor partisan. Voters *expect* strong photo ID requirements.

After all, they already show ID routinely in daily life. You cannot cash a check, buy a beer, or board an airplane without showing photo ID. You cannot check into a hotel, drive a car, rent an apartment, register your child for school, or get government assistance without showing ID.

Opponents often make grim predictions that voter ID laws will disenfranchise large numbers of voters who supposedly lack proper identification. Those fears have never come true. In fact, voter participation rates typically go up in states that adopt voter ID laws. And to ensure that nobody is denied the right to vote, these states—including Kansas—offer free IDs to those who need one, ensuring these individuals can fully participate in society every day, not just on Election Day.

Voters understand that elections require basic rules and safeguards to ensure fairness and legitimacy. Kansans want to know that each person casting a ballot is who he or she says he is, regardless of whether you are voting in person or by mail. Enshrining voter identification in the state's constitution sends a powerful signal that Kansas is committed to preserving the integrity of its elections. The people deserve the chance to vote to make that commitment permanent by placing it in the Kansas constitution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.