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Thank you, Chairman Proctor and committee members, for hearing my testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 5021. My name is Dave Maxey. I am a representative in the Wisconsin State Assembly and the Chairman of the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections. In 2025, Wisconsin voters overwhelmingly approved amending the Wisconsin Constitution to require a valid voter ID to vote.

Wisconsin's voter ID law was enacted in 2014 and has not resulted in voter suppression. On the contrary, voter participation has increased since its implementation. In November 2024, voter turnout reached 76.6 percent, compared to 69.5 percent in 2016. At the time the law was enacted, the League of Women Voters argued it would complicate elections and make voting harder. However, after the 2016 and 2018 elections, the League admitted that the elections proceeded smoothly and without major issues. While Wisconsin's constitutional amendment did not change existing law, it ensured that this fundamental voter integrity measure remains the law of the land.

Polling has consistently shown strong support for voter ID requirements, with a 2024 Pew Research Center poll finding nationwide support at 81 percent. Wisconsin is often described as a 50/50 "purple" state, yet nearly 63 percent of Wisconsin voters supported amending our Constitution to require voter ID. If there was one action we could have taken simultaneously, it would be to mandate voter IDs to also confirm citizenship. However, Wisconsin's voter ID law has been largely effective in ensuring election integrity and boosting public confidence in our elections.

With both foreign and domestic threats to our democratic processes, our elections should be at least as secure as your front door when you go to bed, if not more. I urge you to support HCR 5021, keep our republic secure, and allow the voters of Kansas to decide. Ensuring that voter ID is required under the Kansas Constitution will strengthen confidence in the electoral process for generations to come.

Respectfully,

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