

Private Citizen
HCR 5021 Opposition Testimony
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Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee, thank you for giving me time to share my thoughts on HCR 5021 with you today. My name is Rija and I am a voter in JOCO County/Olathe. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HCR 2051

HCR 5021 is entirely based on partisan politics and bill proponents have no real evidence that this would make our elections safer or more secure. If the real priority is election security, the focus should be on making the voting process simpler and more accessible, not more confusing or expensive. We already have a voter registration system in place that verifies eligibility before anyone receives a ballot. If there is a belief that ineligible individuals are being registered or voting, then the appropriate response is to investigate the Secretary of State's office, which oversees that process. And if evidence of wrongdoing exists, then we address it directly and fix the actual problem.

If the belief is that photo IDs are essential for election security, then the barriers to obtaining those IDs must be addressed first. That means making all state-issued IDs free of charge and ensuring that the process to obtain them is fast, efficient, and accessible to every eligible voter. If these considerations have not been fully examined or discussed, it reflects a lack of genuine nonpartisanship within this committee, particularly under Chair Proctor's leadership.

I thank you all for hearing my thoughts on this bill, and I encourage you all to vote NO of the passage of HCR 2051.