

Private Citizen
HCR 5021 Opposition Testimony
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Good morning Chair Proctor and committee members. Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony today on HCR 5021. My name is Jonathan Smith, a voter in Shawnee County, and I encourage the committee to vote NO on HCR 5021

As an individual that has worked multiple election poll locations, I can assure you that a statewide mandate for a photo ID would not make elections more secure, it would only force more voters to be turned away on Election Day.

Every voter that comes in already has the expectation that they need to bring *A* form of voter identification, and there are several option that they can choose from per county and state regulations. That ID is then compared against what we have in the poll books that are connected directly to the county's voter database.

If there is a discrepancy, it is handled there, or with a provisional ballot to make sure that the voter has the opportunity to vote, and then can potentially fix their ballot later at the election office.

All of this to say that our elections are safe and this House Concurrent Resolution is a solution in search of a problem. We do not have a problem with voter fraud, and the idea that someone had the audacity to recommend changing our entire Constitution of the State of Kansas based on these imagined feelings of voter fraud is one of the most disrespectful things Kansas Lawmakers have recommended yet.

I appreciate you taking the time. I encourage a strong NO in regard to HCR 5021. Put some respect on the State of Kansas and keep your partisan antics on social media, away from our Constitution. Thank you.