

PRIVATE CITIZEN
HCR 5021 Opposition Testimony
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Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee, thank you so much for giving me time to share my thoughts on HCR 5021 with you today. My name is Lorene Damewood and I am a voter in Johnson County-Shawnee. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HCR 2051.

I oppose this bill because it is redundant and unnecessary. We already have a state law which requires photo ID for voting. I have worked since 2004 at elections in Douglas and Johnson counties as Worker, Asst. Judge and Presiding Judge. Elections were secure before the addition of the requirement of photo ID and they remain secure. There have been minuscule attempts to vote illegally, a tiny fraction of 1 per cent over all the years and elections investigated.

In recent years, the former Johnson County Sheriff spent untold hours and money to investigate election fraud and found nothing. What a waste!

Our State Legislature seems too fond of messing with our Constitution, demanding that we change what has been working well to satisfy some partisan whim to make matters more difficult and/or unwieldy. We already have constitutional amendments on the ballots for both the August and November elections. Voters are not fond of the poorly written amendments that usually confront them, because of their doublespeak language. We don't need an amendment to say what the law already says.

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