

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 Cassie Martin and I am a voter in Leavenworth County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HCR 2051.

In May 2025, I graduated from Washburn University with my Master of Social Work.

Since beginning my journey into this profession, I have worked closely with Kansans of all backgrounds.

One tool that I have frequently used is the City ID process in the City of Topeka. This is a vital resource, and many folks start with city ID before being able to gain a state photo ID.

When I read this proposed legislation, I can't help but understand it as state lawmakers saying "We don't trust your city employees. We don't trust your municipality to be able to effectively identify people."

Another photo ID form that I cherish, even as an alumna, is my iCard or Ichabod Card from Washburn.

When I read this proposed legislation, I can't help but understand it as state lawmakers saying "We don't trust your university employees. We don't trust your school to be able to effectively identify people."

Lastly, I am largely disappointed at the attempt to squeeze a public vote into the August 2026 primaries. AGAIN. This will intentionally leave out the voices of certain voters.

Vote no on this bill. It has zero merit.

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.