

Voter ID Requirements Public Comments – House Elections Committee – March 15, 2011

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<blank>	<blank>	Please require photo ID's for voting. Last time my husband & I voted the worker asked us to verbally give our name & address. We could have said anything & they wouldn't have known the difference. It is a MUST that ID's be shown to confirm who you are & where you live.
<blank>	<blank>	I believe a valid photo ID should be required to cast your vote.
Mr. Dwayne Aaron	Fayetteville	Voting is arguably the most important right and duty of a citizen in a free society. It is the foundation of our concept of government by the consent of the governed. I can think of no plausible argument to oppose requiring voters to establish their identity before casting their ballot other than to leave open one more opportunity to defraud elections. When photo ID is required to cash checks, pickup tickets or ship a package why would any one have an issue with providing the same verification of identity to exercise our most sacred right as a citizen? Please support the introduction of a bill to require photo ID to vote.
Mrs. Katherine Abrams	Blowing Rock	I am opposed to this measure. I believe it categorically denies voting to the poor and the disenfranchised members of our society, and democracy wasn't intended to serve only the privileged.
Ms. Pat Adams	Rocky Mount	Please do not enact this piece of legislation. Investigations into any allegations of voter fraud have typically proven to show very few of them actually occurred. Passing a law to require photo ID only serves to disenfranchise those who can vote legally.
Mr. Michael Adamskie	Stony Point	The need for voter ID has to take place to secure the system from what could lead to large scale problem thru all parts of the state. You would not want someone operating on you that was not a Dr. We need to secure the right to vote is allowed to those who have legally maintained their rights by being a provable citizen of the State to whom the action will take place.
April Adkins	Siler City	I never understood why it's not in the process anyway. We can require ID checking for alcohol and cigarette purchases but not for the most important right we have in this country. A NC driver's license or some form of a government issued ID should also suffice for proof of citizenship if obtained properly. Only legal citizens should have the privilege to vote.
joyce agris	raleigh	I reject the voter ID requirement to enforce something that has not been proven to be needed. it will cost the state hundreds of thousands of dollars to enforce something that has not been proven to be needed. It will require people who have moved to assisted living to go out, despite their health, to get one as many of these people no longer drive. It will be an unnecessary burden on students, etc. Prove there is a problem before charging the tax payer for this.
Dr. Audrey Albrecht	Wilmington	This seems like a waste of money in tight times. Implementation would take way too much. People like my mother, who never drove and was often poor, would find this a hindrance to voting. She voted every election conscientiously and was thoughtful and educated about her vote.
Mr. Richard Albright	Oxford	Why is it someone who is a vagrant and living in Durham at an address that serves At a low income/social-services house they are taxed to vote at their relatives house in Oxford and then family members drive back to their durham part time residence. And who knows if they vote a second time their as well under a different name or how many names they might have or use . when is bilking honest tax payers and civic duty going to be given the respect it derserves.. how many ilegals get matriculation cards to as the expense of goverment tax payers.. who pays for it all cerertainly not them with their 10 dependant w2 exemptions .. and all the goverment social programs are bankrupting United States ..
Ms. Alicia Alexander	Wilmington	please find ways to encourage all citizens to vote; make voting easier for the people, not harder.
Mr. Phil Alexander	East Flat Rock	For at least the last 11 years, the Republican Party has done its best to disenfranchise voters, and particularly left-leaning minorities, in order to sustain its house of cards. Currently, the requirement is to state complete name and address accurately. The proposal sounds good on its surface, but it would have the effect of disenfranchising nearly half a million voters in North Carolina until and, most importantly, UNLESS they could obtain government-issued photo identification. Many of these, I suspect, are elderly citizens -- the SAME POPULATION we have encouraged to vote with such programs as One-Stop and curbside voting. Do NOT change the election law, or you very well could have a constitutional fight on your hands.

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Nancy Allen	Raleigh	As an Election Official for over 20 years (10+ years in Wake County and 10+ in California), I am very supportive of having people show their Photo ID as a requirement. It was a California State Requirement while I worked there and we used it! Many current residents of North Carolina come from other states and they often voluntarily show us their photo ID because other states also have that requirement. We are told not to look at it by the trainers from the BOE! After the last Presidential Election in 2008, we watched the election results on TV and they were interviewing local college students and asked them "How many times did you vote?". Many answered 17 times, or 32 times! There is massive voter fraud in this area and I hope those people were prosecuted! This is a step in the right direction!!
Lavonia Allison	Durham	Strongly opposed to this proposed bill. It is a new poll tax approach that will put barriers to many poor people, people of color. young people and others who are without picture ID's.
Ms. Barbara Alotis	Pittsboro	Photo ID: this is a bad proposal by the Republicans. It will create a new barrier for many voters, including the elderly, disabled and students - and will also be expensive to implement - and all for no reason because cases where somebody votes in somebody else's name are extremely rare in NC. As a matter of fact, less than 5 in every 1,000,000 ballots cast in NC since 2004 has been a case of voter impersonation fraud. We should be encouraging people to vote, not discouraging them. Talk about election fraud? Remember November 2000 in Florida? That was the biggest voter fraud of all time - by the Republican Party to steal the presidential election. I urge you to vote no on this needless and costly bill.
Aklea Althoff	Franklin	How much will this program cost? How can it possibly stop fraud especially when the elections board documents that the most fraud occurs in absentee ballots. Isn't this big government spending millions on an unnecessary program which will not produce desired results and could result in various classes of voters being disenfranchised and even a cost is associated with it then the program becomes unconstitutional as a poll tax. Don't you think you legislators have better choices for the expenditure of funds in our lagging economy. Even raising funds for publically funded elections would be a wiser choice.
Mrs. Diane Amos	Weaverville	Do NOT spend our taxpayer money on this foolish bill which will not be effective. You claim to want smaller government but this is big government at it's worse! There is no voter fraud happening to cause this kind of expense! Stop it now!
Ms. Sarah Anderson	Clayton	I am opposed to the Voter ID legislation. There is no evidence there has been widespread voter fraud and the SBOE has done an outstanding job addressing those very few cases that have occurred. Voter ID requirements are essentially a way to bar citizens from participating in the election process.
Ms. Shel Anderson	Durham	I would like to register my opposition to requiring photo ID to vote in NC. This would be a hardship for many people, especially for seniors and those hardworking folks who need to have two jobs to keep their families financially secure. I am very concerned that this is an endeavor to keep some target populations from voting. I also wonder what this would do to absentee voting. What would be the impact if everyone just submitted an absentee ballot on local election boards? And finally, this seems to be an additional financial burden on local budgets in a time when so many cuts are already occurring.
Mrs. Alice Andrews	Sugar Grove	Many of us show our driver's license as ID if we're asked for it. However, in this state, in order to be able to vote, we will have already identified ourselves at the courthouse in order to be registered to vote. So voter ID has already been established. Our precinct officials are well trained and know what to do if the voter raises questions about his/her eligibility. Boone, NC has excellent Board of Elections members and workers and precinct officials. Why require ID at the voting booth when ID has already been established?
Ms. Elizabeth Andrews		Very important issue, I have to identify and prove that I am a valid voter and citizen of US and everyone else should have to do the same. I use my voter card and drivers license which has my picture on it and am not offended at all.
Mr. James Appleton	Cary	Only if the counties can guarantee that every voter is provided a voter ID card. However I have as a poll worker and Early Voting supervisor that many minority and elder voter do not have an ID. During registration IDs other than photo ID are permitted , but during an election day this will not work. Keep in mind that voters swear to be who they say they are and are now subject to prosecution. There has been near zero cases of voter fraud. Let us not go backwards in North Carolina and disenfranchise large numbers of voters with a required photo ID.
Mrs. Valerie Arendt	Cary	I am a social worker and public policy professional and have dedicated my career to assisting those who are unable to speak up for and advocate for themselves. My clients include the elderly, low-income families, persons with disabilities, and others who do not have the ability and resources to obtain a state issued photo ID. If legislation is established requiring photo identification, the State of North Carolina should be responsible for paying for any costs associated with obtaining an ID. A greater opportunity for voter fraud is with absentee voting, since these voters do not have to show any ID, or appear before an election official. "Voting is a fundamental Constitutional right and any additional burdens on this right must be weighed against the likelihood that it may prevent many lawful voters from exercising their right without satisfying any real government or societal need. Instead of focusing on efforts to increase voter turn-out

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		<p>and help citizens exercise their rights, this proposal focuses on an almost non-existent problem while potentially sacrificing the voting rights of one million North Carolinians.”</p> <p>This legislation is a waste of my tax dollars, North Carolina resources, and is bad policy.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Valerie Arendt, MSW, MPP</p>
Gil Arnold	Raleigh	Please bring Voter ID back to North Carolina. This is a good step to restore public confidence in our elections system.
Mrs. Jacqueline Attaway	Havelock	I serve as a judge in the East Havelock precinct. I am definately for having voters be required to show ids before voting. It is very easy for each resident that is eligible to vote in the state of NC to get a photo id. It would make the job of those trying to make our elections as fair as possible easier if we could check a photo id. It would aid in checking addresses also. It is often hard to understand a voter and they get upset if we have to ask them several times to spell their name and repeat their address. This bill would be a welcome one for all of us working the polls.
Ms. Kelly Ayati	Greensboro	<p>Why is this necessary? When there is not a problem with voting fraud. To make it harder for certain groups of people to vote, are you that afraid of democrats. Why don't you do things that would benefit people instead taking benefits that are in place at this time for children, disabled and older people.</p> <p>You are only looking out for the republicans/tea party. You keep helping people that do not need help{large corporations and the wealthy}.</p>
Ms. Patricia Backus	Raleigh	I have worked for the past few years as a pollworker in Wake County. My experience has been that people that make the effort to show up at a precinct are honest, even if it means they have to vote provisional or go across county to vote. I don't like it because it will place a responsibility of the pollwork to judge where the ID is valid and if the person matches the ID. Will an expired driver's license be valid? I haven't heard that there is a problem in NC with voter fraud. We need more people to vote.
Ms. Cynthia Ball	Apex	The documentation needed to get a picture ID for voting will be cost and time prohibitive for several groups of voters. Let's fix any voter fraud instead. We should spend any state funds to hire more Board of Elections investigators.
Mrs. Betsey Bancroft	Chapel Hill	This law surely would create an overpriced boondoggle that taxpayers would resent. The Institute for Southern Studies estimates that a full-scale voter ID program could cost our state \$20 million or more. Let the politicians who vote for it pay the down payment on it out of their own salaries.
Mr. Stephen Barassi	Murphy	not sure why it hasn't happened already but NC needs to require a photo ID to vote, mandatory no and's if's or but's ID!
Mrs. Dena Barnes	Summerfield	With a new election being called in Washington County, it is evident there is voter fraud or misrepresentation with our current system. We have a responsibility to ensure votes cast by qualified citizens count. The people deserve fair and honest elections. Surely, there can be a method developed to make each voter confident their vote is protected.
Ms. Linda Barnett	Wilmington	This bill is obviously a voter suppression attempt. It will adversely affect the voting rights of seniors, the poor and disabled persons. The State should not be in the business of suppressing votes. It should be trying to make it easier for people's voices to be heard. What is the legislature afraid of? It is also hypocritical to be adding the 2 million dollars to the budget to set up this program which adds no other savings to the State with one hand and with the other laying off teachers to close the budget deficit.
Amy Barnhart	Winston-Salem	I do NOT support this bill, and will not vote for any legislator supporting it. This bill will cost millions, enlarge the powers of government and has been proven to be ineffective in accomplishing its goal in other states. Also, voter fraud being miniscule, what is the reason for such a bill in the first place? It is not needed, nor can we afford it.
Agnes Barry	Winston-Salem	Absolutely an unnecessary requirement. Mainly, this is driven by people who want to make it difficult to vote. Vote NO to this crazy and expensive Republican idea.
Mr. George Bartsch	Wilmington	Make picture ID mandatory. Also, English the official language of the country..look how much \$\$\$ we'd save instead of interpreters, printing etc. NO LIC's for illegals! My son was t-boned by one w/no ins. Could not find the driver after the accident. They pay one mo. ins then quit paying...when are we going to get our country back?? The only reason the gov't doesn't do anything is to get the Latino vote.. oh how transparent/sickening!
Mr. Ryan Bartsch	Wilmington	<p>WHY WOULDN'T YOU REQUIRE A PICTURE ID WHEN VOTING??!! THAT SHOULD BE THE QUESTION! I DRIVE MY CAR...I HAVE TO HAVE MY PICTURE ID. I FLY ON A PLANE...I NEED A PICTURE ID. I LEAVE THE COUNTRY...I NEED A PICTURE ID.</p> <p>WE LEAD THE WORLD BY EXAMPLE, FOR FREEDOM. VOTING FOR OUR LEADERS SHOULD MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF FAIR AND HONEST ELECTIONS, AND A PICTURE ID HELPS MAINTAIN THAT INTEGRITY...IT'S A "NO-BRAINER"!!</p>
Mrs. Jill Basnight	Fayetteville	An ID is required for even the most trivial activities on an everyday basis. Elections are serious business and everything should be done to protect the integrity of how they are conducted. There is a great deal that needs to be done in this arena and ensuring that only legitimate citizens are casting votes is fundamental to that end. We must remove even the appearance of fraud in our elections and bonafide IDs are one good way to do just that.
Mr. Thomas Bates	Washington	Dear Members of the House Elections Committee,

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		<p>On behalf of Rock the Vote, the nation's largest voter registration organization, I am writing to oppose unnecessarily restrictive photo identification requirements.</p> <p>In the last 20 years, Rock the Vote has registered tens of thousands of young North Carolinians. As you know, civic participation among young people has been on the rise, and we should not be erecting barriers that would thwart their ability to cast a ballot. A restrictive voter photo ID law would disenfranchise honest citizens, including many young voters and students. Such a measure is unnecessary and would cost millions to implement - tax money that could save jobs, fund education, and improve the economy.</p> <p>Under current law, it is a felony to vote illegally or to lie when you sign in to vote. As you know, poll watchers can challenge voters and an ID with a verified address is required to register in the first place. There are better ways to reduce fraud while protecting voting rights.</p> <p>I urge you to put the rights of voters first.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Thomas Bates Vice President for Civic Engagement, Rock the Vote</p>
Mr. Kinney Baughman	Vilas	<p>This is nothing more than a thinly disguised effort to disenfranchise American voters. You guys ought to be ashamed of yourselves for even considering a bill as anti-democratic, as anti-American as this. A pox on all your houses.</p>
Mr. Kinney Baughman	Vilas	<p>Please stop this God-Awful, disenfranchising, anti-democratic, anti-American nonsense. Aren't the Republicans the ones who were against the National ID card? And now you idiots come up with this? Be wrong if you will. But at least try to be consistent.</p>
Mr. Donald Beal	Cary	<p>Why are you even discussing this issue during these dire economic times? I have heard nothing of any hint of a voter fraud problem in NC; not one single instance. Such a law discriminates against the poor and disenfranchised. Is this (discrimination) what you want? Is this (discrimination) the entire purpose of this effort?</p>
Mrs. Fran Bean	Fayetteville	<p>There is no way anyone can function in society without a photo ID. It truly amazes me that you can vote in NC without an ID. That is just opening it up for fraud which I know occurs because of this law. Anyone could have voted in the last election for my husband who is deployed. I am so happy that you are trying to change this law. Voting is one of our most precious freedoms and it must be preserved.</p>
Mr. John Beasley	Kill Devil Hills	<p>Who could be against this requirement to help prevent voter fraud? If your photo ID shows a different race or gender from what you see in the mirror each morning, that could be a problem for you. If it shows a picture of someone lying in a casket with their hands folded across their chest, that could be a problem. If your intent is to cast a fraudulent vote, a photo ID could be a problem for you. It is not an invasion of privacy for any law abiding citizen, any more than for writing a check at the store. To anyone who says, "I don't have a photo ID," well, get one. No private information is required beyond proving you are who you say you are, and that you have the right to vote. There is nothing to lose with this requirement, but much to gain, namely honesty and integrity in our electoral process.</p>
Mr. Joseph Beasley	Youngsville	<p>When I write a check I have to show ID. When I use a credit card I have to show ID. If the police ask me for ID I must show it. If I want to buy tobacco I have to show my ID. If I want to buy alcohol I have to show ID.</p> <p>But to exercise our most important right (Vote) we can walk in off the street and vote. Does this make sense to you, it doesn't to me. Oh, by the way, when I walk in to vote I always show a picture ID. This is a item to use a term used a few years ago DUH. Thank you for taking this up, its been a long time coming.</p>
Mrs. Carol Bell	Charlotte	<p>This is an obvious attempt to restrict voters especially the elderly, or poor who may not have drivers lic or other picture ID What is next a polltax? Unfair and shameful for the Republicans to try to pass this requirement. If the voter has a valid address and pays taxes and pays utilities and can prove his address why should a photo ID be necessary.</p>
Mr. Henry D. Benfield	Granite Falls	<p>Yes We need voter ID. Actually, we need background checks. Voting can be more dangerous than buying a gun.</p>
Mrs. Jeanette Bennett	Raleigh	<p>I am in favor of voter ID...We are required to furnish photo ID to get on an airplane, to cash checks, to enter other countries, to law enforcement officials..Providing a utility bill or some other type of payment bill just doesn't prove that it belongs to the person who is voting...We have so many illegals who are not entitled to vote and there needs to be a positive way of identifying qualified voters...This is a very good idea....</p>
Mr. Leland Berkwits	Asheville	<p>I writing to express my strong support for positive voter identification. I have been incredulous that this has not been required in the past. I think it is an essential component to combating voter fraud.</p> <p>Leland Berkwits</p>

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Mr. Keith Biegert	Cary	I fully support requiring voters to show identification. Voting is so very important. I cannot understand why we would not we require ID.
Ms. Emily Bish	Boone	I am adamantly opposed to the Voter ID Bill. It will disenfranchise thousands of NC citizens from elderly who no longer have ids to young college students to the homeless and the poor. There is no voter fraud problem currently and no legitimate reason for this bill. In American we all should have the right to vote at the place of current residence with out impediment of any kind!!!!
Mrs. Sylvia Blakeslee	Waynesville	This is an expensive ruse being used to suppress voter turnout. We are not as stupid as you would hope. By the way, WHERE ARE THE JOBS!
Mr. Tim Bledsoe	Dobson	Anybody objecting to this does not have the best interest of our country at heart. What has happened to our country? Is our state really so undecided on doing what makes sense? Should such matters really be up for debate? How about stop worrying about offending illegals and stand up for the citizens.
Mrs. Gladys Bolin	Horse Shoe	I believe that it is prudent to require voter ID requirements to ensure that we have a valid vote. Voter fraud is another tactic used to take away our freedom as a republic. Requiring a voter registration card preferably with a picture id would great enhance our process. We also need to be absolutely sure than the registration logs are up to date and do not have "dead people" still eligible to vote. Thanks for hearing my input. Gladys E. Bolin
Ms. LaVonda Boston	Winston Salem	This is another method of preventing fair voting. Sometimes I think I am going to wake up and this no longer be America. All rights are being slowly moved by to the stone ages.
Mr. James W. Boulden Sr.	Nashville	Without a doubt, there should be voter (photo) ID reqired to vote. however, it is more important to verify that the individual is a citizen of NC, and the US. legally; and meets the requirement of citizenship including legal immigrants who have not yet acheived their citizenship status who may be encouraged by special interest factions to attempt voting fraud in the hope individuals will be successful casting a frauduelent vote and never be caught.
Mrs. Phyllis Bourne	Clemmons	I am not in favor of this bill. If fraud is at a minimun, why spend the money that we don't have to do this?
Mr. Bert Bowe	Pittsboro	3/12/11 Dear Elections Committee, The voter ID bill you are considering is a solution desperately in search of a problem. I am extremely concerned about the potential of North Carolina spending millions of dollars and disenfranchising 100's of thousands of voters to prevent perhaps 5 incorrect votes per million cast (NC statistics 2004 to 2010 from the State Board of Elections). It is just common sense - why in the world would someone risk being convicted of a felony (and deported if an illegal alien) just to cast an extra vote?! The link below lists a lot of data that show voter ID is just a terrible idea. As you know, your committee has the responsibility of using objective data as a basis to make decisions, especially of this magnitude and affecting about 460,000 citizens currently without ID. The challenge will be to find a non-partisan study at any level of government in the last decade demonstrating a problem with voter fraud - good luck! And we must not confuse this issue with improper initial voter registrations that are corrected with a required ID before anyone steps into a voting booth. The reason I feel so strongly is that a voter ID bill strikes at the very heart of our democracy, and North Carolinians know and deserve better than that. Please do the right thing and vote against a voter ID bill. http://www.democracy-nc.org/downloads/VoterIDFactSheet-3-11-11.pdf Sincerely, Bert Bowe
Mrs. Rebecca Boyd	Williamston	Believe voter ID is needed. Thanks.
Vicki Boyer	Carrboro	THERE IS NO WIDE-SPREAD VOTER FRAUD IN NC! Our state and local boards of election do a good job in preventing this. Remember, over the past several decades, the percentage of actual voters to registered voters has gone down, not up, as one might expect in the face of rampant voter

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		<p>fraud.</p> <p>As a reminder, the US Constitution was amended (the 24th) to permanently do away with a poll tax as a requirement to vote. This amendment was ratified by the NC legislature in 1989. It costs money to get a drivers' license or state issued ID. Therefore, if legislators want to require voters to present a photo ID at the polls they must find a way to provide that ID for FREE, otherwise we will be know as the state that re-instituted the poll tax and this initiative will be struck down in the courts. If the state provides IDs for free to those who do not drive, then other worthy or even vital projects will go without funding. Just so Republicans can pay for a solution to a problem that does not exist. Not to mention abandoning their pledge to cut expenses and keep government small.</p> <p>There are about 6.4 million registered voters in North Carolina. The State Board of Elections has estimated that around 700,000 of them do not have a driver's license. How much will it cost the Republican legislature to give away 700,000 photo IDs? And where will that money come from?</p> <p>I encourage the Republicans in the state house to get their priorities in order. Put this issue further down your list and put the money required to implement it towards better solutions for our state's mental health system or make improvements to public education. Give back to counties and towns the monies that have been withheld due to the economy. There are projects that are much more deserving and have a stronger need.</p> <p>And if you insist on spending more money on the act of voting, then put it where it counts: supply more funding to each county's Board of Elections to better enable them buy equipment, train personnel, and re-establish early vote sites that were cut due to budget shortfalls. Let's fund our boards of elections as if voting were the most important aspect of our democracy.</p>
Mr. Ben Brackett	Gastonia	N.C. needs to show the citizens of the USA we want honest elections.
Dr. Wayne Braffman	Vilas	This bill brings shame upon every resident of North Carolina. It openly and brazenly discriminates against the elderly, minorities, and college students. Why not just charge a poll tax? Or require everybody to take a test? This bill belongs in the same category. I thought North Carolina had moved past this era in our history. Evidently the Republican Party has not. Voter fraud is not a problem in this state, but discriminatory political shenanigans designed to preserve political power when your policies are morally bankrupt is obviously very much alive. This bill should not just be defeated, it should be withdrawn to spare North Carolina citizens the shame.
Dr. Teresa Bratton	Greensboro	Please do not put up barriers to voting. When the rest of the world is reaching for democracy, let us continue to show inclusiveness and support democracy.
Ms. Dawn Bridges	Durham	Another barrier for the indigent population? Wow! The tactics never end.
Mr. Robert Brinson	Garner	I consider legislation requiring that NC citizens present photo ID in order to participate in the election process one of the single most important things our General Assembly could pass this session. There is a real problem with voter fraud in this country and in our state. It has been shown that groups such as ACORN have submitted fraudulent registrations to vote. There are instances where the deceased have voted. If a photo ID is not required, then then our election process can be hijacked. My vote is disenfranchised. Requiring a photo ID to demonstrate that you are who you say will make voter fraud much more difficult and greatly reduce the number of occurrences. I urge passage of legislation requiring that State approved photo ID must be presented to vote, and for this law to be in effect for the 2012 elections.
Mr. Frederick Bronson	Durham	I am working on a job funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Funds, there are and I know for sure over 90 illegal Hispanics out here working and collecting tax dollars ment for AMERICANS you think that they will not vote because it is against the law????????? Please help us Americans. Thank You Fred Bronson
Mr. Brad Brothers	Waynesville	I think it is critical! Anyone that thinks that non-US citizens do not vote has not been paying attention. Beyond this and from a macro perspective, we need a state or national I.D. that is extremely difficult to forge. This would decrease the amount of illegal immigrants that come into this country. Just today, I saw over 20 of them on a state construction project.
Mrs. Alexandra Brown	Raleigh	It is time to ensure valid, non-corrupted elections in this state. In this day and age, when a photo id is required to even be seen by my doctor, (to prevent fraud) and is required just about every where, it is absurd one is not required to vote. I used to bring my non photo id with me to vote, thinking it would be asked for, and it never even is.... Freedom and democracy rest on non corrupt elections.
Mrs. Linda Brown	Marion	I hope to God that you vote to approve the most stringent measures and requiremennts concerning voter ID's that willl also be at no cost or financial burden to taxpayers or registering. This is one of the most critical priviledges in our country, the right and duty to vote, as this is where the policies that govern us come into being. WHY on God's green earth would we invite illegal ALIENS into our home and give them the keys to everything and may as well as move ourselves out while we would be at it! I hope to hear that sanity has been restored with the new officers that we have voted into office! Thank you for your time, Linda Brown
Mr. Mltchell Brown	Greensboro	This voter ID bill will disenfranchise thousands of college students, who are the voters of TODAY and TOMORROW. YOUR future is tied in with OUR future. I am an out-of-state student, so this Voter ID bill will make it extremely hard to vote in a state in which I don't reside. In addition, this bill will discourage college voters from wanting to vote at all. In addition to this bill disenfranchising out-of-state students, it will also make it harder for private school students to vote. It will be hard for them to get a state ID, thus making it difficult for them to vote. Voting is one of our most fundamental rights, and shouldn't be abridged. I understand the intent of the bill, but having to have a North Carolina State ID in order to vote, is not the solution to the problem
Ms. Rebecca Brown	Asheville	Please drop this unnecessary and expensive legislation. Voter fraud that could be prevented with voter ID is virtually non-existent in NC. Why go looking for problems that don't exist when there are plenty of items that we need our lawmakers to focus on right now? This undemocratic legislation

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		will create barriers to voting for hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians. It is an outrage.
Ms. Sherri Brown	Raleigh	I do not agree with specifically requiring a photo ID to vote. Doing so runs the risk of preventing registered voters from being able to exercise their right to vote. Voters who don't own vehicles or drive or who are homeless are unlikely to have drivers licenses or the means to obtain an alternate photo ID. A viable alternative may be to require showing one's voter registration card, but that may still not be feasible for some voters. Care must be taken to avoid disenfranchising voters who may not meet the standard mold in the name of voter fraud prevention.
Mr. Eric Broyles	Morehead City	I am supportive of legislation that requires ID verification at the time you vote. This will help to curb voter fraud that has been occurring at election poll sites. At the time of verification, the picture ID should be compared to Division of Motor Vehicle records. Furthermore, once a voter checks into a polling station, it should be registered into a statewide database for the purpose of tracking each voter, so they cannot vote at two separate polling locations.
Ms. Aimee Bryant	Raleigh	I think requiring a photo ID for voting is a great idea. Most everyone carries their ID with them so it shouldn't be a problem. Hopefully this will help keep illegals from voting, people voting more than once under fake names and I am sure it will have more benefits too.
Mrs. Rose Bryant		Yes, I think a photo ID should be a requirement before anyone is allowed to vote.
Mrs. Louanna Buck	Rocky Mount	All adults have the option to have a photo ID - whether it be a NCDL or a NC photo ID. All people who are eligible to vote should have to present a valid ID in order to do so. It is truly the only ethical thing to do. I do not want someone coming in trying to impersonate me and casting a vote in my place.
Ms. MJ Burgess	Hampstead	We must require voter photo id to ensure proper elections. We already have a system full of problems in which illegals vote and many people are voting more than once. That people vote and register on the same day is ridiculous! There is no check and balance in this system. Please put some checks in place to protect the validity of our system. Thank you, MJ Burgess
Mr. Larry Burton	Raleigh	Dear NC Legislature:I strongly urge you to make the common sense decision to require voter ID prior to allowing one to vote. This simple step would prevent the possibility of voter fraud in these perilous times. Thank you for listening.
Mr. William Burton	Raleigh	there are numerous instances in our lives that require us to present our "id" and very few as important as voting.any slight inconvenience involved in providing such an "id" is more than offset by securing our voting accuracy. please pass the "voter id" law. respectfully, william burton
Mr. Rolland H. Bushner	Tryon	A photo as a requirement for voting is neither necessary nor desirable. Respectfully yours, Rolland H Bushner
Ms. Deborah Butler	Wilmington	The new majority was elected because they preached a collective sermon about LESS spending, LESS government, LESS red tape and bureaucracy, and as far as I can tell, this is MORE spending, MORE bureaucracy, and MORE government...and for what? To catch a handful of folks who pretend to be their neighbor and vote? Let's spend the money, if at all, to educate folks about the importance of voting...that way, the neighbor votes for himself.
Mr. John Butler	Cornelius	It's about time, and I think it is a good thing to require a picture ID that will make people vote at the proper place and weed out fraud.
Ms. Erin Byrd	Raleigh	Not only am I concerned about the Voter ID I am disturbed that you would ask for public comment on a bill that THE PUBLIC HAS NOT SEEN! Outrageous! I am very concerned about the Voter ID Bill and further concerned about your process. I have heard that you plan to create a bill that requires a government ID to vote. If this is a driver's license it will registered voters who do not have a license (nearly 600k according to the Board of Elections) will have to pay \$16.00. This is a modern day poll tax, for a problem "voter fraud" that do not really exist. Please focus on getting voters jobs, instead of disenfranchising them and creating more barriers to voting than already exist.
Mr. Charles Cain	Chapel Hill	To the North Carolina House Elections Committee: As a sworn election official for ten years, I submit that requiring voters to show ID at the polls is not only unnecessary, but would be harmful to the conduct of elections and to the voting public.

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		<p>Why unnecessary?</p> <p>First, voter impersonation is virtually non-existent in North Carolina, and has been for many years; there is no evidence that it is appearing today. I have never met an elections official in our State who knew of a single occurrence or attempt, nor was any ever encountered during the twelve years my wife was a Board of Elections member in an eastern county.</p> <p>Second, voters already must provide identification when they register in person, and at their polling place if they register by any other means.</p> <p>Third, voter impersonation is a felony carrying severe penalties, so the risk is far greater than any possible gain.</p> <p>Fourth, two simple safeguards at the polling place already exist to prevent impersonation: every voter is required by law to state aloud his/her name and address, then to present their signature in person to a second official before obtaining a ballot. Since election officials work in their home precincts wherever possible, it is likely that an impersonator would be detected.</p> <p>Why harmful?</p> <p>In my experience, the most frequent delays to the voting process are already caused by voter registration cards: voters often present them as identification (which we cannot accept) and many of these complain when asked to state their name and address as required by law; others demand to know why we do NOT require them to show photo ID's and often praise at length the procedures of other states. These small delays mount up quickly in a high-turnout election, and I estimate that adding a photo ID requirement would increase lines and delays by as much as fifteen percent.</p> <p>Requiring photo ID's at the polls would add to the cost and complexity of our elections, inconvenience most voters and disenfranchise many others, yet would not improve our already quite high ballot integrity. This is an expensive, cumbersome non-solution to a non-existent problem, and like the poll tax of bygone days, it is an idea unworthy of our State.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p> <p>Charles Cain</p>
Wendy Calderone	Raleigh	I am fully in support of requiring photo ID in order to vote. In fact, since I have moved to NC, I have wondered why we DIDN'T have to do this. I feel that anyone who is against this is by default approving all forms of voter fraud.
Dr. Peter Calingaert	Chapel Hill	We currently have virtually no identification fraud at the polls. The proposal to require official photo IDs would solve a nonexistent problem, would be extremely expensive for the State and for voters (estimates run as high as \$20 million total), and would discriminate against Blacks, Latinos, and the elderly, among others. The proposal should not be implemented.
Ms. Ava Callender	Huntersville	Vote "No" to require voter id. Requiring photo id to vote will restrict the right to vote for thousands of North Carolinians. Some people opt out of sharing personal information to acquire an id. Some senior citizens, economically disadvantaged and homeless citizens do not and/or cannot afford to have picture ids. The votes of these legal citizens of North Carolina should be counted.
Gerri Calton	Raleigh	Having the right to vote and exercising that right is something which is almost sacred. We risk the lives of our military men and women in order that citizens of other countries may have this right. Quite frankly I find voting without voter I.D. an affront to me and to our great nation. In essence anyone can vote; and guess what, that is exactly what is happening. It is only common sense that identification be required to vote and it is quite obvious why the Democratic party opposes this. I strongly support a law requiring voter I. D.
Mr. Peter Cannon	Wake Forest	Please consider that the only reason to reject voter photo voter ID is to allow fraud at the polls. The citizens need to trust their system of government or we will have no reason to vote. We are almost there because of such laws that promote people illegally voting for other people, dead and alive. Vote for photo ID at the polls. Thank you for your sincere consideration. Peter Cannon
Debi Capps	Mooresboro	Don't make it harder for people to vote! Requiring a photo id is like charging people to vote. There is a cost to obtaining a photo id. And a cost to the state to process them.
Sharon Carducci	Raleigh	Please support voter photo ID. Voter confidence in the integrity of our hard-won right to vote, without fraud, will finally be upheld. Thank you
Mr. michael carmichael	hillsborough	The proposed legislation for Voter ID would set North Carolina back to the days of the Jim Crow Era when our voters were burdened by literacy tests and poll taxes. The people of North Carolina demand more democracy - not less, and the Voter ID is a plan to suppress voting by: minorities; the young; students; the old; the sick, the lame and the disabled. This is a bad bill that has absolutely nothing to do with voter fraud, because voter fraud simply does not exist. The 40 complaints that were investigated in the last election were all discovered to be completely devoid of voter fraud. The Republicans are abusing their majorities in the General Assembly to suppress voters.

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Mr. Don Carr	Raleigh	<p>Support for requiring photo identification (ID) to vote has never dropped below 83 percent throughout the history of Civitas polling. Furthermore, the idea garners bipartisan support as 96 percent of Republicans and 86 percent of unaffiliated voters say they favor a law requiring photo ID to vote. Democratic voters also support the idea by a 73 percent, a 26 percent margin. [source: http://www.nccivitas.org/2011/civitas-poll-voters-continue-demand-requiring-photo-id-vote/] Similar polling by other groups produced nearly identical results.</p> <p>Further, in 2008 the Supreme Court of the United States upheld Indiana's Voter ID Law as being Constitutional. This law, which is the strictest in the country, requires that registered voters must show a valid, state-issued photo ID to vote in-person on election day. Registered voters without any form of ID, or who are lacking accepted ID, are allowed to vote a provisional ballot. Since no person is prevented from voting, the majority ruling confirmed that a state's right to safeguard the electoral process outweighed the minor burden of having to obtain a valid, state-issued ID.</p> <p>http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/07pdf/07-21.pdf</p> <p>Furthermore, If you think of all the instances in a modern society where you are required to show a photo ID -- to fly, to drive, to drink or smoke, to enter courthouses, to cash checks, etc. -- you start to wonder why anyone would object to having to show some form of ID in order to vote. After all, a citizen in any state will more likely than not be required to show his / her ID at least once during any given week. Also, what better method is there to validate a person's identity and right to vote than by using a photo if? Any college student who objects to this requirement is only crying crocodile tears, as they are subjected to "carding" daily for various vices, and yet they willingly comply.</p> <p>Even better, the Federal Help America Vote Act, which was signed into law in 2002, requires all states to confirm the identity of each citizen registering to vote for the first-time in a Federal election. To comply with this law, the preferred form of identification accepted by a majority of the states is a valid driver's license. To view the voting requirements for each state, please click here: http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=16602.</p> <p>Ensure each citizen's vote counts by requiring all who want to vote are who they say they are and that they are registered to vote in a given precinct. Please pass a Voter ID Law in NC this year, as a majority of her citizens want such a law. Further, it will allow us to preserve our electoral process for many generations to come.</p>
Mr. Don Carr	Raleigh	<p>Qualifications to register to vote in North Carolina</p> <p>To register to vote in this State, a person must sign a voter declaration attesting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •I am a U.S. citizen. •I will have been a resident of North Carolina and this county for 30 days before the election. •I will be at least 18 years old by the next general election. •I am not registered nor will I vote in any other county or state. •If I have been convicted of a felony, my rights of citizenship have been restored. <p>If citizens need to confirm above, and they can register @ the DMV, where a person can get a driver's license or ID, why can't we require they then show that state-issued ID when voting?</p> <p>We need to ensure voters are who they say they are and voting @ the correct precincts. Please pass a voter ID law this year.</p>
Mr. Don Carr	Raleigh	<p>For your review, here is a comprehensive listing of voter ID requirements by state:</p> <p>http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?tabid=16602#Details</p> <p>Please allow NC to join the following states who require photo ID to vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Indiana Louisiana Michigan South Dakota
Dr. James Carroll	Bakersville	<p>I hope that the legislature will reject the new bill to change voter requirements. In comparison to the limited amount of voter fraud in North Carolina, there is a huge number of people who will be disenfranchised because they do not have and cannot afford to get the required photo ID. This bill is a disastrous anti-democratic power grab by the Republican majority, and should be rejected as contrary to our national agenda.</p>

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Ms. Anne Carter	Summerfield	<p>Although we keep hearing that the current focus of our legislature and our congress must be on cutting expenses and on creating jobs, we find them wasting their time and our money trying to pass laws like the voter ID requirement. Historically, in North Carolina, we have had a lot more problems with legitimate voters being denied or discouraged from voting than with persons voting illegitimately. Voter fraud of that sort is rare and already against the law.</p> <p>If there is any evidence that proves a state election has been thrown by illegally cast votes, that evidence needs to be presented to the public.</p> <p>The number of people who will be prevented or discouraged from voting legally will be far outweighed by any who have in the past attempted to vote fraudulently. Nondrivers, disabled people, persons with difficult schedules who cannot afford the time to stand in line are among the groups who may not have their vote counted because they may not be able to vote. The working poor in North Carolina already work 1.7 jobs just to make it. That works out to 68 hours a week. People working that kind of schedule will be less likely to stand in longer lines while photos are checked. Along with the other groups mentioned above, the working poor will be one more group likely to lose their vote if this law is passed.</p>
Mr. Henry Cathey	Kill Devil Hills	Requiring voter photo ID and crossreferenceing to the voter regeristration list is the only way to eliminate voter fraud.
Mr. Fred Caudle	28806	anyone who is responsible enough to vote is responsible enough to have some sort of ID unless their house burned the day before the election...there is NO reason at all that a voter shouldnt have to prove their identity, we do for everything else these days...thanks.
Ms. Sue Cause	Winnabow	<p>Since voter fraud is not as widespread as claimed; Since 460,500 active North Carolian voters would be disenfranchised because they have not photo ID; Since many ofther states have aready recognized the drawback of similar bills; Since implementation of the Voter ID bill could cost North Carolina millions of dollars a year; I urge you to say NO to the Voter Photo ID bill.</p> <p>Sue Cause, Winnabow, NC</p>
JOHN CHAMBARD	Kill Devil Hills	North Carolina requires a photo ID the first time you vote why not every time? This would nearly eliminate potential fraud and in some cases it might eliminate the cost of a recount in close races.
Dr. Betty Chamberlain	Weaverville	Photo id is an unreliable way to verify identity--too easily faked. It is unfair, discouraging new voters and minorities from exercising their right to participate in government. It is discriminatly because many poor people have no photo id. The members of the Legislature who support this cockamamie idea should be ashamed of themselves and voters left with the right to vote should vote such legislators out of office.
Ms. Gail Chapman	Otto	I feel strongly that a photo I.D. should be required in order to vote. This should cut down on the amount of voter fraud that now exists, with non-citizens voting and with thousands of 110 year olds voting, especially in the counties of Cumberland, Davidson, Forsyth and Guilford. Voter's photo I.D. will help to protect democracy in NC!
Mr. Eric Chetwynd	Pittsboro	OK on what do we have photo IDs. Right, driver's licenses and passports. That's about it. So, who doesn't have driver's licenses and passports? Right, those who can't afford to own a car or drive and those who can't afford to travel or purchase a passport. So who would be precluded from voting if they can't provide a photo ID? That's right, the poor. Is that what this country is all about? Is that what our great political parties are all about? I hope not. Please vote to defeat this anti American piece of legislation.
David Childs	High Point	An official photo ID should be required in order to vote. Too many fraudulent votes are counted because of those going and voting multiple times since ID is not required. We should expect better out of our process for electing officials in the great state of North Carolina.
Mrs. Alicia Chisolm	Fayetteville	I am very much against this bill. PLEASE VOTE NO, NO, NO TO THIS BILL. THANK YOU.A.CHISOLM/
Mrs. Alicia Chisolm	Fayetteville	DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS BILL. IT WILL HARM THOSE CITIZENS WHO NEED THEIR VOTE PROTECTED MORE THAN MOST OF US. PLUS, IT IS A STEP BACK IN TIME TO OLD RACIST PRACTICES AGAINT THE SENIORS,POOR AND MINORITIES.
Douglas Clark	Raleigh	I have lived and voted in six other states and all had requirements that I had to submit a valid state or federal picture ID prior to voting. For all those individuals that didn't have a drivers license, the state provided a free picture ID card. There is no valid reason that the state of NC shouldn't require a picture ID in order to vote. This will eliminate potential voter fraud and insure that all registered voters have the ability to vote in their district.
Mrs. Nancy Clark	Chapel Hill	Requiring a photo ID to vote will ensure that the validity of our North Carolina elections will not be compromised.
Mr. RL Clark	Asheville	As a native of Madison County, N C and having spent my entire lifetime within 37 miles of my birthplace and operated a country store in Madison county from 1983-2009 I have firsthand knowledge of the voting of the dead, out of county votes being cast in the county, pre- stuffed ballot boxes swithed from the voting site to the courthouse for counting and these are but a few of the illegal

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		voting activities that have existed for decades! The current N C State Board of elections has been controlled for years from Madison County via the Zeno Ponder-Liston Ramsey political Machine which through the Chair of the S B O E,for many years controls local B O E's statewide. I have had immediate family involved in years past who were part of the Ponder-Ramsey Machine. I know of whence I speak! Thank You. R L Clark Career, N C State Employee 1963-1983 President, Walnut Cash & Carry, Inc. 1983-2009 N C State Senator 1995-1998 Buncombe, Madison, Yancey, McDowell, Burke Counties
Ms. robin clark	waynesville	My understanding is that there is very little voter fraud happening in NC. How can we justify spending money on this issue? How much would this cost? We need to find ways to save money not spend it.
Mrs. Sandra Clark	Kill Devil Hills	I feel that all registered voters in North Carolina should have to prove that they are who they say they are and that can only be done with VOTER ID.The proof of what can happen is what happened in Washington County and a new election to be held because of this issue. I support Voter ID!!
Mr. Steven Clawson	Rocky Mount	It is long over due for Voter ID. Now it the time to pass VOTER ID. Sincerely, Steven Clawson
Mr. Lou Clay		I am very much in favor of there being a law requiring a photo ID to vote. I have asked voting officials for years why an ID was not required to vote. All I got was a guilty smile and a comment, such as, "You know Raleigh."
Mrs. Rhonda Clements	Emporia	(We do live in NC, we are on the border our address is just VA. Anyway, it is very very very (can't say it enough) very important we have a picture voter ID card. I have heard to many stories of people voting for others and the recently dead. This has to stop. A voter ID seems so simple a thing to do. Just be sure who gets these cards are American voters.
Mr. james clifton	sanford	I believe that showing an ID proves that you have a right to vote. If no ID, it proves that you do not have a right to vote or too dumb or lazy to get an ID, therefore you should not have the right to vote. Sound simple to me.
Mrs. Ruth Cole	Wilow Spring	I am willing to show my voter registration card and an official government photo ID in order to vote. I value our individuals right to vote once in our national, state and local government elections and appreciate the safe guard of protecting our right to vote once in any government election. I support requiring a photo ID to vote. Sincerely, Ruth Cole
Mrs. Helen Compton	Durham	The proposed Voter ID law is unnecessary. Few are ever charged with voter fraud in our state. In a time when the state needs to save every penny, this is an unnecessary and expensive expenditure. How many teachers will lose their jobs to fund this? The state will have to create a way for people to get free photo IDs. The law discriminates against the elderly and disabled. Thinking of how many elderly are driven to vote and have a precinct worker come to their car--how in the world will they get a photo id? Do you plan to fund every DMV to have a portable camera! The NC Constitution states that people over 18 have the right to vote with no indication they must have a Photo ID. Do you plan to change the Constitution?
Mr. James Conner	Tryon	The effect of this proposed legislation will prevent from 500,000 to one million legitimate registered voters from excersizing their legitimate right to vote. Further,nationally voter fraud is less than one percent and this bill will do nothing to correct that. As in other states where voter fraud has been alledged, bills like the one being proposed is no remedy and should not pass. We need more voters not laws that will discourage people from participating in their democratic processes. Please do not pass this poor legislation. Sincerely; Neb Conner
Mr. David Cook	Pinehurst	I strongly favor photo requirement for voters.
Diane Cook	Boone	The requirement for birth certificate documentation in order to vote is shocking, will seriously affect NC/American citizens' ability to direct their own government, and seems to be a sneaky political maneuver. This state really can't afford the expense to implement this (education, social services, infrastructure are hard hit; why spend a cent on such a detrimental action?!), can't afford to cut off and alienate its citizens any further, and solidify its bad reputation in the nation. This should NOT be allowed; any possible benefitis will not and cannot be balanced by the negatives. Thank you.

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Mr. Dale Cooke	Apex	<p>The American experience is based upon two fundamentals; “freedom of the individual” and “respect of the law” and they must never be separated. If you have law without freedom, you have tyranny; if you have freedom without law, you have chaos, disorder and disruption.</p> <p>The participation of eligible citizens as voters is fundamental to our democracy, so voting takes on one of the greatest of our civil responsibilities, as it is at the voting booth where WE willingly give away our freedom to elitists and tyrants or cast away those that betray the trust the people have so graciously given them.</p> <p>It is of such importance that we have developed laws to protect and defend our voting rights as citizens of the great state of North Carolina.</p> <p>Without those laws our freedom is in jeopardy.</p> <p>Of this I am certain everyone agrees:</p> <p>There must be orderly election processes and procedures that ensure the fidelity of our votes, least we have the prospect of election fraud that threatens the people’s confidence in our elections.</p> <p>Without it our democratic system begins to tear itself apart as group after group and faction after faction begin to question the outcome of each election and bring challenge in our courts, delaying the voice of the people.</p> <p>Regrettably this state has a history of voter fraud. If it didn’t, perhaps we would not be discussing Photo ID. The only debate is whether or not we have the proper procedure to minimize voter fraud and dissuade those that would seek to compromise the process.</p> <p>In our state we have many government and private entities that require that we show proof of identity with photo identification; as it is widely required and accepted by all, apparently there is no undue burden upon anyone in our state to have in their possession an acceptable photo id.</p> <p>If we go to cash a check, go to our gym at the YMCA, register an automobile, use our credit cards and with a myriad of other normal day to day activities we are asked to present a photo id and we willingly comply without dissent!</p> <p>But yet we find ourselves today unbelievably discussing whether or not we should ask someone to identify themselves before they are given the opportunity to exercise the most precious of our American rights!</p> <p>This is 21st century absurdity!</p> <p>We live in an age where Google can tell exactly who we are, where we are, what our purchasing preferences are, who our friends are and they have a picture of us, our cars our home and our neighbors.</p> <p>Yet we have some in our state opposing the simple requirement of a Photo ID at the polling place and they do so for what reasons?</p> <p>What has become of our sanity?</p> <p>The people of the State of North Carolina through elections, through polls and through their voices heard in public forum demand to have a Photo ID to vote</p> <p>And they deserve no less.</p>
Mrs. Carolina Cooper	Raleigh	<p>Stop voter fraud now!!! It is an absolute disgrace that the corrupt legislature that we previously had never did anything about this issue. Voters should absolutely be required to prove their identity before voting and that means by showing a photo ID! Please pass this bill before another vote is taken and another election is stolen!</p>
Mr. Keith Copeland	Goldsboro	<p>I don't understand why this is necessary. Anyone who would attempt to cheat on this would find a way to get around this as well. It does appear very suspicious and more than likely is a way to set up barriers for the law abiding citizens of North Carolina who deserve the right to vote on their representation in Government. This certainly smells like a big stinking fish like we had in the past which prevented racial groups from participating. God is watching America to see if we will do righteousness. We're all watching you. And righteousness will prevail always. "When the righteous rule, the people rejoice." Proverbs 29:2</p>
Mr. jack cornell	raleigh	<p>? Current laws to stop voter fraud work. It's already a felony to vote illegally in NC or to lie when you sign in to vote. Poll observers can challenge voters and ID must be shown to register in the first place. The extremely low rates of voter fraud in North Carolina make it clear that these existing laws are effective.</p> <p>? This is wasted money for an unnecessary law. A voter photo ID law will cost NC millions of dollars to implement at a time when we face a more than \$2 billion budget shortfall. What will we cut to pay for this law? New job development? Support for small businesses? School teacher positions? Public safety? Services for the elderly? Our state faces gut-wrenching budget decisions and we will have to make a choice.</p> <p>? Photo ID laws reduce voter turnout for everyone. A voter photo ID law will create hassles and make lines longer for everyone, lowering turn-out even</p>

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		<p>more. ? Photo ID laws unfairly affect some groups more than others. The elderly, people of color, students, low in- come citizens and people with disabilities are all less likely to have a driver's license and more likely to need transportation to DMV offices to update their official ID each time they move. ? Hundreds of thousands of NC citizens do not have a photo ID with their current address on it — but they are entitled to vote under the law nonetheless. Why would we take this right away?</p>
Ms. Ruby Coughenour	Winston-Salem	This proposal will waste millions of dollars and is not needed. It is government infringement on our most precious right. I am strongly against this.
Ms. Barbara Council	Greensboro	This is an unnecessary law that will make it more difficult for hundreds of thousands of people in North Carolina to vote. It should not even be considered let alone passed.
Mr. Tom Covington	Charlotte	I oppose the photo ID voter requirement. There has been no evidencel have seen that there is a problem with non eligible voters, and I believe the law will discourage low income voters.
Ms. Nancy Cox	Wilmington	I urge a NO vote on this bill. It imposes a hardship on the poor, the elderly, and the disabled by forcing them to get a picture ID. The bill will also cost millions to implement at a time when we have a budget deficit. I would suggest to the legislature, that if they have funds for this bill, they be diverted to the education allotment of the budget.
wayne crews	wilmington	I think people should know who they are voteing for, also a photo ID is a good thing to do.
Mrs. Pat Croisetiére	Littleton	BECAUSE there has been rampant voter fraud, this assures the same person cannot vote twice and is who he or she says they are. There is NO good reason why anyone would reject voter ID unless they are protecting those who would vote fraudently. My mother, who did not drive, simply went to the DMV to get an ID. I had to provide 3 id's, one with picture, to even get a PO box. Voting is a serious right that we enjoy, let's keep it honest.
Anne C Dahle	Raleigh	When I registered to vote in Raleigh in 1957, each person was taken into a cubicle made of curtains. My husband and I were asked no questions except party and such, but we could hear in the next cubicle the registrants being asked all kinds of questions about the constitution. When we walked out, we saw that the other couple were black. Do we want to return to that sort of intimation? NO! if a person's name is on the rolls and that person gives the correct address, that person should vote. Please let's not go backward!!!!!!
Deborah Dante	Hendersonville	<p>RESOLUTION –Voter ID</p> <p>WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Tea Party Patriots believe our most treasured tool of democracy is the ballot box;</p> <p>WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Tea Party Patriots' interest is in the protection and integrity of our electoral process;</p> <p>WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of the states that does not require any form of identification when casting a ballot;</p> <p>WHEREAS, identification is required in many areas of our life, including entering some federal buildings and boarding anairplane;</p> <p>WHEREAS, the right to vote is one of the most important rights bestowed on a U.S. citizen;</p> <p>WHEREAS, voter fraud has been known to occur in many jurisdictions throughout our state; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina has a responsibility to ensure the voters of our state that only qualified voters will be able to cast votes and that citizens votes will not be diminished by votes that are cast illegally;</p> <p>RESOLVED, that the Blue Ridge Tea Party Patriots strongly urges all legislators to support and promote any and all legislation to require voters of North Carolina to provide proof of eligibility before being allowed to cast a ballot in any election, and the BRTPP will promote petitions urging members of the North Carolina General Assembly to adopt such legislation.</p> <p>APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 2011.</p> <p>Blue Ridge Tea Party Patriots Henderson, Polk, Transylvania Counties</p>
Deborah Dante	Hendersonville	<p>Dear Sirs:</p> <p>Regarding the claims of disenfranchisement due to persons having no availability to a picture ID, this problem can be solved by volunteers of the tea parties and Republican Party in NC. A web site could be set up and people that need transportation to get their ID can sign up. A county contact will be alerted of the need and they will arrange to get the person a ride to go and get the ID. This CAN be solved by the good people of NC VOLUNTEERING to help their neighbors. I know we can implement this in the counties of Henderson, Polk and Transylvania where our tea party is influential. The purpose is not to eliminate but to include ONLY NC residents and US citizens the right to free and fair elections. The problem of voter</p>

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		fraud is serious, systemic, and getting worse. This must be fixed.
Mr. George Danz	Flat Rock	I have worked the polls in VA before moving here and pollwatchers cannot properly identify voters or (wouldbe) voters unless they can see a picture ID. I've been to a Veritas conference on voter fraud and they told us that NC is one of the worst states in the UNION for voter fraud. This practice of 110 year olds voting must stop. Records must be cleaned up and updated and picture IDs made available.
Mr. James Daughtry	Selma	I am in favor of voter Photo ID. I have to show ID at the bank, or any other financial institution, and most other transaction locations. If I'm stopped by law enforcement, I have to produce a photo ID. I think that it's the best way to prevent voter fraud, and to keep unqualified persons from voting.
Ms. Lois D'Aurora	Pittsboro	Shame on you!!!
Perilloux David	Banner Elk	This bill should not be passed - students can not always get home to vote - students who are asked to serve in military should be able to vote! The elderly will not be able to vote without a lot of trouble. And the \$20 million this will cost should be spent on jobs or teachers - not for making identifications! This is shameful!!!
Ms. Joyce Davis	Knightdale	Please vote "YES" for having photo ID for voting. The way it is now, it is too easy for someone to use someone else's identy & not get caught. This is a very important issue. Please represent the people who voted you in office.
Mr. Scott Davis	Raleigh	This is a must! I can't cash a check without a photo ID! Why should anyone be allowed to vote without proving who they are? Eliminate voter fraud now! Respectfully, Scott Davis
Mr. Clarence Davis, Jr	Knightdale	I believe we should have to present a photo ID each and every time we go to vote.
Mr. Donald C. Day	Hendersonville	This new proposal re. "government issued" photo ID requirements for eligibility to vote would be just another ploy to disenfranchise thousnds of voters who would be more likely to vote for democratic candidates than republican, thus further unbalancing the principles of our democratic republic. Please,for the sake of the future of our country, and of all it's citizens, vote against the proposal. One of your voting constituents, Donald C. Day
Mrs. Emily Deavers	Clayton	I think every single person who votes in NC should have to present a form of picture ID to prove they are a citizen of our state. As the wife of a United States Marine, I have had to go through a lot of trouble to vote by absentee ballot including having a witness to sign, mailing it back in time and hoping that it is accepted. But, all that trouble is worth it so that my vote will count so I definitely don't understand why it is such a major issue to simply pull out your ID when you check-in at a voting precinct in NC. In my opinion, it is a major insult to all true citizens of NC because under current policies, we might be having our lives affected, through voting, by people who are not citizens of our state. What we are requesting is not to declare how you plan to vote but simply to prove you are who you say you are before you vote.
Ms. Roberta Dees	Charlotte	The persons who will not be able to vote are the people in nursing homes, the poor people, and those who live alone, with no car. I am thinking now of an older widow near uptown. She is quite intelligent, reads the paper every day, and discusses issues quite intelligently. She doesn't have a car and is wary of public transportation. I would pick her up and take her to get an ID made, except that I don't have a car either. And there is no public transportation where I live. Social services are severely strained: providing food, heat in cold weather, beds to sleep in, clothes to wear. The poor/homeless can get those things (until the agency runs out) without an ID. Where will you get the drivers to take these people and see that each person has an ID card? This bill would discriminate against the most vulnerable among us - the old, the alone, the sick, the poor. It would be despicable.
Ms. Michele Delgado	Greensboro	I am writing to ask that you oppose any legislative efforts to add barriers to voting in North Carolina, including attempts to pass a new requirement to show a photo ID each time a person votes. A voter photo ID law would disenfranchise honest citizens, including young voters and students. Such a measure is unnecessary and would cost millions to implement tax money that could save jobs and improve the economy. Under current law, it is a felony to vote illegally or to lie when you sign in to vote. Poll watchers can challenge voters and an ID with verified address is required to register in the first place. There are better ways to reduce fraud while protecting our voting rights. I urge you to put aside partisan politics and put the rights of voters first. Sincerely, Ms. Michele Delgado
Dr. Kyle Dell	Greensboro	I strongly support requiring a state-issued photo ID for all voters in the state. As long as this applies to every voter equally, I believe it will have many benefits and little costs.

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Mr. Silas j Demary Sr	Raleigh	I think that you all are trying to divide this state and this country! You all are clearly letting politics play a major role in what you all are doing!!! YOU ALL DO NOT HAVE YOUR CONSTITUENTS BEST INTEREST AT HEART! I think you all need to really thinks this thing thru before you all pass this bill! It needs to be an all inclusive bill for all, where it want disenfranchise anyone! Think about the small people first before you put your party first! It is WE ARE THE PEOPLE, not You all then the people! Thank you Silas Demary Sr.
Bob DeMont	Holly Springs	I was at Arlington Cemetery yesterday and had to show my ID. At the airport I was aked to show my picture ID on 2 occasions. When stopped by the police they ask for picture ID. The greatest privilege we Americans have is the right to vote in our democracy. SHowing a picture ID is a privilege and therefore required for all voters who want to elect our representatives and determine the laws of our land. If you are not proud enough to have an ID photo then you need not participate in our democracy.
Mr. William Devereux	Blowing Rock	It is unconstitutional to put up an impediment to voters rights. I stand firmly against this bill and so should you!
Ms. Mary Diaz	CHARLOTTE	As a United States citizen I support the requirement of a photo ID to vote. As a citizen one of the most important responsibilities that we have is to vote. I personally believe that with that responsibility there should be a conformation of our identity prior to voting, especially with the the reported voter fraud that has been documented thus far. This would not be an inconvenience!!! Thank you in advance. Mary Diaz
Mrs. Mary Dickinson	Winston-Salem	This is a very bad bill and should not be passed. Voter fraud is miniscule. It will cost millions and not work. I thought we were trying to 1) save tax dollars and 2) get government off our backs. This bill does the exact opposite.
Mr. Philip Dickinson	Winston-Salem	When people went to the polls last November, there was a clear message that they wanted to reduce the expense of government and the role of government in their daily lives. I am very concerned that the proposed Voter ID requirements run strongly counter to these please. The measure likely will cost millions of dollars to implement and increases government intrusion into an essential American right, without any demonstration whatsoever that voter fraud is a problem that needs to be addressed. When we are looking to cut the state budget and are talking about tough choices in education, etc., how can we justify adding this unnecessary cost to our budget. Also, having just lost a mother who spent her last few years in assisted and nursing care with very limited mobility, I know how difficult it would have been to comply with the proposed rules and assert her right to vote.
Mrs. Ruth Diefendorf	Ocean Isle Beach	As a poll observer for the most recent election and having first hand knowledge of the voter fraud that went on at one of our early voting sites, I encourage you to pass this important piece of legislation. The only people who actually would object to a voter ID are those who either do not have the ability to vote responsibly (whether illegally here or fraudulently misrepresenting themselves) or those who realize that by submitting to an ID to vote, as we have to submit one for check cashing, buying liquor, boarding a plane, that only honest law-abiding citizens would have the legal right to cast a proper vote in elections. It is incumbent upon you, our North Carolina lawmakers, to provide the means for a honest and truthful election process in our state. Pass this needed law now and let's get onto more important issues of the day. This one is a no-brainer.
Mr. Burton Dietz	Raleigh	Fraudulent voters cancel out legitimate votes. We need a photo ID requirement for authentication. Voter ID is as important as ID is for credit card use , for drivers licenses , for passports ,etc.
Mrs. Elizabeth Dietz	Raleigh	Please pass this voter ID bill. I need to give a picture ID when I travel, when I do a credit card purchase, when I get a driver's license. Voting is so much more important than any of these. A fraudulent vote robs me of my legitimate vote, therefore it is STEALING from ME.
Mr. richard dimmig	nags head	Every voter should be required to identify themselves and insure they are registered when voting....Thank you....Dick Dimmig
Mrs. Shirley-Juanita Dixon	Canton	I believe that passing this bill will not do anything to help voter fraud. Fake ID's are easy to obtain, and this will cause millions of dollars to impliment and a great burden on election officials. I cannot see how it will help anything.
Ms. Anne Marie Doherty	Asheville	At a time when we are faced with how to pay our bills, it seems ludicrous that this expensive and obviously politically charged issue is even being considered. We need to be focusing on how to fund our educational system, and doing what we can for the citizens of North Carolina during these economic bad times. Ultimately, it will simply end up costing the state in legal fees when it is challenged in court, and does not serve the public good. There are less expensive ways to verify and deal with voter fraud.
Mrs. Virginia Donahue	Pinehurst	YES, we want a photo ID to vote. Too many stories of voter fraud (always AFTER an election for some reason, wonder why?????); too much corruption through all levels of government; too much carelessness. Voters are in a mood to clean up these messes and we welcome this simple repair for a serious problem. Thank you.
Mr. Patrick Donleycott	Mebane	We strongly support the ID requirement, lets face it everybody carries some sort of ID anyhow and this makes illegal voting less likely
Dr. Kathleen Dorsey	Pittsboro	Dear House Elections Committee Members: I am writing to voice my strong support for instituting a voter ID requirement in NC. It seems to me that this is only common sense, and will provide a simple safeguard that will help to ensure the integrity of our voting system. It has been suggested that requiring voter ID might make it more difficult for some to vote. This is a rather ridiculous notion. Everyone I know, include

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		<p>my elderly parents, are very accustomed to having and showing a picture ID or driver's license when driving, flying, renting a car or other equipment, buying liquor, doing banking transactions, paying by personal check, renting videos, etc. How do people survive or operate from day to day without having a legitimate form of identification?</p> <p>Voting is one of the most important rights of American citizens, and it is my right and your right to have our votes count and not be canceled out by fraudulent votes. It is essential that our voting system be protected against fraud. The requirement of a voter ID would be one small and quite minimal step toward this goal.</p> <p>I urge you to go forward and finalize a voter ID bill for North Carolina.</p>
Ms. Betsy Dorton		<p>Pass required photo ID for all voting. Today we need Photo ID to do banking, fly, stores, other business. If a student is from out of state they can vote in there home state by absentee. If you are a legal American citizen and acquire a birth certificate you can get an Id. Reject a paper, letter, with just your name and address on it, like an electric bill. This is Not prof of citizenship. Thank you for your efforts.</p>
D Ruth Downey	Wilmington	<p>I strongly believe that requiring Voter ID is NOT necessary for NC. This move, as in other states is just a move to make it hard for primarily older people, young people or those who do not have a drivers license to PAY to get a government picture ID from the DMV which is already understaffed. Could it be that these targeted folks usually vote Democratic? I thought your goal was to have less government, create jobs and SAVE MONEY! SHAME on you!</p>
Ms. Frances Doyle	Cary,	<p>Voter ID should be required when voting. Without ID, how do you know who someone is? Most people have drivers licenses already so it really shouldn't be a problem</p>
Mr. Sean Drummond	Knightdale	<p>I cannot believe that the General Assembly is actually entertaining the idea of making it a law that voters would have to show a valid photo ID. Would the General Assembly also like to reinstitute the voter literacy tests of the Jim Crow era? I understand that this law is meant to keep undocumented immigrants from voting - like that would be such a crime. But honestly, how many undocumented individuals do you think actually show up at the polls to vote? Most people who are undocumented would stay as far away from a government controlled event as possible. Let's call this law what it really is - a Republican effort to disenfranchise as many pro-Democrat voters as possible: the poor, college students, and the elderly.</p>
Mr. Fowler Dugger, jr	Brevard	<p>What is the real, thinly-disguised purpose of this proposal ? The 2010 election should not be construed as a blank check to cover all the ideological fancies of the new majority. Statesmanship has been a characteristic -- at least most of the time --of the North Carolina legislature.</p>
Mr. Robert Dunemann	Louisburg	<p>I think that all voters should be required to show a photo Id for all voting. This should NOT be an option!!!!!!!</p>
Mr. Paul Durham	Hendersonvill	<p>I am all for the voter photo ID. I think it is important to keep people not eligible to vote from voting. We need to control voter fraud in our great country.</p> <p>Paul Durham</p>
Ms. Ivy Dyckman	Waynesville	<p>What is the purpose in changing voter ID requirements? To disenfranchise the elderly and the infirm? To prevent increased opposition votes? To take away moneies from health and education?</p> <p>No, no, and no!!!!!! Republican tactics are transparent.</p>
Mr. Martin Dyckman	Waynesville	<p>There's a time-tested adage that says, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The corollary to that is that if you fix something that ain't broke, you'll likely break something else in the process. I am aware of no evidence that voter fraud has occurred at the polls in North Carolina. The greater likelihood of fraud is in the manipulation of absentee ballots by individuals or organizations. A signature can be forged much more easily when it's not being done in front of a poll worker. I am appalled that a conservative legislature would even consider wasting the public's time and money and adding to the budget deficit with something so pointless. Or is there a point that nobody cares to talk about?</p>
Mr. Floyd Earhart	ChapelHill	<p>I favor having to show ID when voting to cut down the chance of voting fraud.</p>
Mr. Wells Eddleman	Durham	<p>As a former election judge I can say clearly that photo ID is not necessary or helpful. People have to have a verified address to register to vote. They must identify themselves when they vote. I've never seen or heard of a case of someone faking being someone else to vote.</p> <p>However, we serve numerous people as curbside voters who have limited mobility or other issues that make it difficult to get around. Making these people obtain a government issued photo ID is a real hardship.</p> <p>The result of requiring photo ID will be to reduce the number of legitimate voters while doing essentially nothing beneficial, because there are almost zero fake voters.</p>
Mr. David Edge	Lumberton	<p>I think is stupid not to require</p>

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Mr. Eric Edgerton	Ocean Isle Beach	<p>Good Morning</p> <p>I was an election observer during the last election. I noted that the process for identifying one's self is to state your name and address. Then if that name and address is on the voter rolls the person is allowed to vote. This did work a hundred years ago when travel was less restricted and the poll workers knew everyone in the area.</p> <p>I observed one lady come in, knew her name but did not know her street address. In fact she did not know what side of US 17 she lived on. Others presented a voter card and asked the election official to read it. When the election official said no that was illegal, the person picked up the card and read aloud the name and address on the card.</p> <p>The method of identification in use today is grossly out of date.</p> <p>In North Carolina it is the Law that a photo ID is required to sell Scrap metal, purchase surplus NC State Property, establish a bank account, fly on an airplane, cash a postal money order so WHY NOT A PHOTO ID TO PROTECT OUR MOST SACRED RIGHT, THE RIGHT TO VOTE..</p> <p>In Florida the election process is sometimes compromised with people who are registered to vote in two states at the same time. They vote in person at one polling place and vote at the other through an absentee ballot. To combat this method of fraud, The Photo Voter ID card needs to be issued to those who can prove residency.</p> <p>During the last election it was reported that over 2000 people voted in and around Guilfor County that were over 100 years old yet the census did not find them among the living.</p> <p>Please enact a Voter ID Card to restore the integrity of the election process. It is imperative that this be done.</p> <p>By the way, The league of Women Voters is adamant that the picture ID unfairly attacks the elderly as many of the elderly do not have drivers lisences. This argument misses the point because the DMV will issue a photo ID that is not a driver's lisence.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this critical issue</p> <p>Eric Edgerton.</p>
Ms. Sheryn Efird	Charlotte	<p>Dear General Assembly;</p> <p>It is absolutely imperative that we honor our elective system and all of those who have died to provide it to us by beginning the process of positively identifying everyone who enters a polling place in NC.</p> <p>The current system of requiring NO ID has NO PLACE in our post-modern society!!</p> <p>We used to not have illegals, non-citizens and worst of all, American cheaters with the lack of respect for our nation's laws that we have now. Internationals from all over the world can just waltz into a county board of election, a college voter registration place, or a motor-voter DMV and register to vote. Then they just waltz into a polling place and vote. Many of them self- admittedly vote numerous times!!! It is a complete travesty of justice and an outrage! These people think it is a joke! The only way we are going to stop it is to require every citizen to present VALID ID when registering to vote and going to the polls.</p> <p>PLEASE begin the process post-haste to correct this horrendous miscarriage of justice of the good citizens of our state who are here legally, legal citizens of the US, and are duly registered to vote. Our votes are being SQUANDERED by the cheating of non-citizens who are voting multiple times and squewing the results of our elections in favor of liberals who are "going to give them things," so they think.</p> <p>Lastly, I think that voter registration should be made harder not easier to register. When I turned 18 in 1971, after I got out of high school on my birthday, I went to the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections (at the courthouse complex then)and registered to vote! That was how I celebrated my 18th birthday. My point is that it should MEAN something to someone to register to vote! They should WANT to exercise their right to vote enough to go to some effort to register. Letting people sign up anywhere, anytime lessens the VALUE of a person's concept of what it means to be a citizen and have the right to vote!</p> <p>I have never forgotten my 18th birthday and going to register to vote as soon as I got out of South Meck H.S. that day. Going to the B.O.E. that day MEANT something to me. It should to others too. It should not just be taken for granted.</p> <p>Sincerely, Sheryn Efird Charlotte, NC</p>
Mrs. eva eliel	chapel hill	<p>A photo ID requirement in NC is 1) not necessary because we have very little, if any voter fraud (which is what proponents of such a bill give as a reason) and 2) would hit largely the poorer segment of our society who can't afford the cost in time and money for this requirement. Your "category" field above this one will not take any response on my screen!</p>
Mrs. Beverly Elliott	Clyde	<p>In this modern age where you have to show a photo ID for purchases, check-cashing, alcohol purchase, obtaining a passport,mortgages, credit cards and employment, then to require a photo voter ID is not an unfair burden on a potential voter.Anyone can get a photo ID from the local DMV EVEN if they do not drive.It is disenguous to claim this is a poll tax, when it is only a means to help prevent voter fraud. Voter fraud does happen, contrary to the</p>

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		opposition's claims. Do the right thing and help ensure the integrity of the voters' choices by curtailing a method to defraud. Thank you.
Mr. Phillip Elliott	Clyde	Please vote for voter id as it will help prevent voter fraud. I have a legally blind brother with no driver's license who already has a DMV-issued photo ID, and he has no problem with voter ID.
Amanda Ellis		I am a college student at UNC-CH and would like to be heard.
Mrs. Donna Elms	Manteo	North Carolina is far advanced in it's voting procedures in many ways. We have standardized equipment, mandatory training for workers, and many other procedures that make our elections more secure and fair. However, we need to require photo ID's at the polls to further enhance the integrity of our elections. It would increase the public's trust in the entire elective process. I urge you to begin requiring photo ID's before someone can vote in each election.
Mrs. Joanne Empie	Raleigh	I believe there needs to be a system to verify addresses of voters so that only the residents who are qualified to vote are the only people voting. This is one of our basic rights that needs to be protected. I support requiring a photo ID for voting. Thank you for your consideration.
Janet Ennis	Columbia	That would solve a lot of problems having to present your ID. There are a lot of people voting in different districts and also people that are dead. That is disgraceful. Also there are people that are not citizens of the US.
Joan Erwin	New Hill	I strongly support the use of photo identification in order to vote. I have served for many years as an election judge in my precinct at New Hill and last year as a Republican observer. Our Chief Judge, Deborah Judd, is excellent as were all the election judges in my precinct so this is NOT a criticism of them. Indeed, every time I have voted at this precinct or worked there, I have felt such pride in the way democracy works. However, most Wake County precincts are not the small ones like New Hill where we all know each other. Further, with early voting where people now go to locations where their neighbors will not be working as the precinct judges, it would be simple to vote in someone else's name. Indeed, the lack of identification combined with the early voting sites provide the perfect storm for voter fraud. In doing political "get out the vote" work in my precinct, I recognized several names on the precinct roster of people who had moved from this area years ago but who were still carried on the voter registration records. I was informed in making calls of many others who had moved but whose registration had not been purged from our precinct roll. It would have been so simple, were I of that nature, to have gone to an early voting site and voted in their name. An address and name are easy to memorize.
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Mary Eubanks	Greensboro	I adamantly oppose the photo id requirement as unnecessary, discriminatory, punitive, time consuming, discouraging of democratic right to vote. What else would I need to say to reasonable people?
Linda Evans	Matthews	Very much needed! Voting is a privilege and a right of US citizens. If we don't have ID, then illegal aliens can and will vote. What kind of government would allow this? How can this nation remain sovereign if it cannot or will not protect its borders and its citizens?
William Evans	Rocky Mount	I believe that it has become necessary for NC to require a photo ID for each person to vote in local and federal elections. I have personally witnessed voter fraud with people voting at more than 1 precinct. It is time to put a stop to widespread voter fraud. The voter rolls should be purged on a more timely basis and funeral homes should be required to notify the county elections office of all local deaths within 7 days of the death.
Mrs. Carolyn Faivre	Raleigh	We are one of the only states that do not require an ID to vote. This should not be a discussion - everyone has some form of ID, what is the problem in proving who you are? I know from working the polls that people vote more than once under different names - our system is broken in NC. Please fix it!
Mrs. Amy Faulkner	Liberty	To put it simply, if this bill passes, it is a Poll Tax which is illegal. So, if you want it to pass, put the funds upfront for the State to pay for the photo I.D.'s.
Anthony Fazzari	Wilmington	Suspected voter fraud undermines confidence in our system of government. If our brave servicemen can risk their lives for our right to vote, the least we voters can do is show a picture I.D. to prove that we are entitled to participate in the process. Anyone who considers this simple requirement an imposition obviously doesn't value the importance of fair, honest elections.
Mrs. Rebecca Felton	Southport	I am strongly opposed to the voter id bill and urge elected officials to vote against this bill. I take my right to vote very seriously and consider this right to also be a basic privilege of being an American. We have strong laws on the books now to discourage true voter fraud and do not need additional laws that will make voting more difficult for the vulnerable folks in our society (e.g., the elderly and poor). Our country and state will be strengthened by encouraging more individuals to vote and any attempts to make voting more difficult are a move in the wrong direction. As we as a country support people around the world in their move to democracy, it would be truly a travesty if we move in a direction that threatens to undermine one of the basic tenets of our democracy.
Mr. Edward Fidelman	Arden	I believe that photo identification should be required, both for voter registration and for voting. This is a pro-active step to prevent voter fraud, and is a prudent step whether or not fraud has been a problem in the past. (I take steps to prevent a heart attack, even though I've never had one.)
Ms. Dianne Fischer	Cary	<p>A voter should BE REQUIRED to present government/pictured id when entering a polling place to cast a ballot.</p> <p>Accommodations should be made for those requiring hardship to secure id for the sake of our community and for thoses that would put our voting process at risk -- using the excuse.</p> <p>It is about time to protect our voting process -- MANDATORY STATE ID WITH PICTURES TO ENTER THE POLLING PRECINCTS ===== NOW REINSTATE BEFORE 2012 ELECTIONS.</p>
Mr. B Ray Fisher	WillowSpring	Please require photo ID+voter registration to make our elections more Honest. Also proof of USA citizenship. should be required!. GOD bless and Keep America all it was founded to be.
Mr. James Fleagle	Raleigh	The facts speak to what the true motivations of this bill are, and if passed, what it's outcome will be. Only a handful of cases of potential fraud are reported in our NC elections, next to none are prosecuted. Whereas if this bill passes, 100's of thousands of voters in 2012 will be CHALLENGED IN EXECUTING THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AS LEGALLY REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. Proponents of this bill have put their "Win at any cost" agenda above any love of country, true patriotism, or sense of morality and equality. They disgrace the United State's example

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		of the world's most free and fair elections at a time when many in the world are turning to Democracy and need our shining example. If passed, we the citizens and taxpayers of North Carolina will fund a \$20,000,000 program to re-create a pre-civil rights voting environment in North Carolina, just to satisfy someone else's NATIONAL "check box" on the road to 2012. NORTH CAROLINA's AGENDA IS NOT TO BE SOMEONE ELSE's CHECKBOX. We don't want or need the wasteful spending on this bill, we don't want or need to take one step backward on our decades of progress on voting rights in our State. What we do want and need is ALL OF our legislators to put North Carolina's issues FIRST.
Mr. Melvin Foels	Leland	NC may be the only state in the country that does not require identification when one cast his ballot. I have lived in several different states including: Ohio,Iowa,Kentucky,Oklahoma,Tennessee,Arizona,and Maryland and each state required some form of ID in order to vote. It is ridiculous to learn of votes being counted by those that are already deceased. Let's do everything we possibly can to ensure the outcome political competition is legitimate.
Martha Folsom	Statesville	I vote at every election. The steps taken to identify voters and confirm their eligibility is excellent. We do NOT need to require photo IDs. It will exclude nearly half a million qualified voters who do not have IDs. This step will also take more time of all the great volunteers who staff the polls and create longer line, creating time constraints that could possibly discourage even more people from voting. I am against this legislation. The time and efforts of North Carolina representatives can be much better spent.
Mr. Robert Forcum	Holly Springs	I do not support legislative changes to current law. There is no need for the change under consideration.
Rocky Ford	Wilmington	How in the world could this even be an issue? You have to show ID to buy a plane ticket, cigarettes and alcohol. Of course you should be required to show ID in order to vote. What a ridiculous question!
Mr. gary Formisano	shalotte	The use of bar codes on a dmv picture id will streamline the voting process,eliminate labor, paper,fraud, while you are getting your id card, you can register to vote. Make the rules firm no proper id, no vote.
Mr. Curt Foster	Selma	<p>Requiring a 'Photo ID' for the purpose of proving that the name of the person about to 'vote' is in fact the person, whose name is being used to vote, is necessary to prevent 'voter fraud' in North Carolina.</p> <p>Pay to Play Politics in North Carolina must be stopped. Rquiring 'Photo ID' is a small but essential step in making the voting process work for the good of all voters.</p> <p>I support the Government reform bill including requiring photo I.D. for voting. The bill will include important efforts to end pay-to-play politics in North Carolina and restore confidence in North Carolina's State Government.</p> <p>Sincerely, Curt Foster</p>
Eula Fox	Boone	Please stop wasting your time on something that happens so very infrequently!!
Mr. Steve Franklin	Nashville	I agree that everyone who votes should show a photo ID. There has been to much false voting going on. Most people need to be educated on our process for voting. I would even go as far as to give tests on at least who is running for president, vice president and governor if not others. Most persons who vote are very uneducated in our voting process.
Mr. Arthur Freda	Wake Forest	Gentleman, when I am about to check in at the airport and board an airplane I MUST show a picture ID. The same goes if I cash a check at the grocery store so I would hope and pray this would also apply to voting. It is a privilege to vote as it is to drive a car of which a law inforcement officer will ask for your license picture ID if you are stopped. NO ID NO VOTE it is simple as that.
Mrs. Diane Frederick	Charlotte	I urge you to vote no on the proposed Voter ID law because I believe it will disenfranchise voters. Elderly, disabled, minority and first time voters will be discouraged from engaging in their constitutional right to vote. Historically there has been almost no problem with voter fraud in this country, but we have had a long history of attempting to disenfranchise minority communities, especially in the South. It would be shameful to enact this law and deny people the ability to participate in our democracy.
Mr. Robert Friedrich	Summerfield	DEMAND VOTER ID TO END THE CORRUPTION IN VOTING. tO PASS A CHECK IN A GROCERY STORE ONE NEEDS TO SHOW ID. CITIZENS NEED TO SHOW A POLICEMAN ID WHEN PULLED OVER FOR A TRAFFIC INFRACTION AND YET NO ID FOR VOTING, WHAT DOES THIS TELL THE WORLD ABOUT OUR VOTING PRACTICES. WE YELL VOTER FRAUD IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES. DO WHAT I SAY BUT DON'T DO WHAT I DO.
Ms. BARBARA FRIES	RALEIGH	Yes, definitely, a voter picture ID should be required to vote. I've never understood why ID wasn't required.I don't believe that any American citizen would have a problem with that. A picture ID is required for almost everything else, why would it not be required for one of the most important things we do as an American citizen. I would feel more comfortable with our voting system if we were required to show a picture ID. The only people who would be uncomfrtable with this system, would be the people who are trying to scam it

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Mrs. Beverly Fuller	Asheville	I want to show my ID. I want my vote to count, not someone that is using another persons ID. Too much fraud has been going on for years and it needs to stop.
Mrs. Cynthia Gaddy	Rockingham	I support a photo ID requirement for voting
Mr. Terry Gaddy	Rockingham	I support a photo ID requirement for voting.
Mr. Thomas Gale	Wilmington	<p>I know the voter ID bill has good intentions, but I think it has far reaching unintended consequences. Having personally been involved at polling places in the past, I saw the numerous people that were driven to the polling places by others, so presumably they have no drivers license. I know it's possible to get a picture ID from the DMV, but it will definitely create confusion for voters. What happens to someone that isn't aware of the change and tries to vote? Will they be able to vote anyway? They won't be able to get their ID the same day from the DMV since they are now mailed. Even if the DMV did go back to issuing IDs right away, the lines there are already too long. It's unreasonable to expect voters to stand in line to vote only to be told they need to go to the DMV and then stand in line to vote again.</p> <p>In addition to the significant logistical hurdles, there's also the issue of cost. To create a system where the polling places have the ability to verify picture IDs will cost tens of millions of dollars. Does our state have that kind of money lying around? Even if the state does have the extra money, I know there are things that are higher on my priority list of things I'd like to see the state tackle.</p>
Ms. Jenni Gardner	Sylva	Yes, an ID should be required, as only registered to vote citizens should be voting.
Ms. Kristine Garrity	Cary	Our democracy is based on one person, one vote. Requiring a photo ID will deny the right to vote to large groups of voters who aren't able to provide a photo ID. Those groups include the elderly, the poor and students. There is no indication of a problem with voting fraud in North Carolina, so photo IDs aren't necessary. What is necessary is the preservation of the bedrock of our democracy, which is one person, one vote.
Mrs. Christine Geer	New Bern	Please require a drivers licence to vote. Hopefully this will keep dead people, non-existent people, mentally challenged (others may `vote for them`) from voting and distorting the voice of the people. Thank you.
John Geers	Clyde	The amount of money that voter ID's will cost the state is way to expensive for the miniscule problem of voter fraud. Please use my tax dollars wisely and spend it on creating jobs. In WNC we need jobs, not political maneuvering.
Mr. Jake Gellar-Goad	Chapel Hill	<p>As a graduate student at NCSU I am concerned about the effect that a Photo Voter ID Bill with current address requirement would have on my fellow students. I recall in my time as an undergrad at NCSU that few people were even able to have cars on campus, providing little incentive to have an up-to-date license. At the time I did not know where the nearest DMV was, let alone how to get transportation there. And given that I changed addresses about 5 or 6 times between moving to Raleigh for college, changing dorms from time to time, and changing apartments, having to update one's license that frequently would prove to be an unreasonable cost burden for students who are not typically financially well-to-do at that stage of their lives.</p> <p>While I oppose a Photo Voter ID bill overall, I passionately feel that government issued UNC System Student IDs should be allowed as an exception is such a bill comes to pass, with no current address requirement because Student IDs do not include addresses, and because utility bills and additional supplemental documents are difficult for students to come by especially when they live on campus and do all their transactions online. Getting young people engaged in civics and voting is difficult enough, please do not impose additional restrictions and costs on students. We invest so many government funds on making our students the best and brightest; let us not discourage them from voting.</p>
Mario Giconi	Greenville	Yes ID for everyone. Retired Navy Every where I go Dr. office ect I must show my ID I am glad to do it - it proves who I am. Please pass the ID Bill.
Mrs. Brenda Gilbert	Gastonia	<p>House Elections Committee Members,</p> <p>When a citizen of the United States wants to board a plane, use a credit card in a store or drive a car, they are required to have a photo I.D. Why is it considered an outrage to have to produce an I.D. card to vote? Please bring common sense back to the State of North Carolina and let's settle this issue once and for all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sincerely, Brenda Gilbert</p>
Mr. William Gilbert	Arden	<p>The right to vote is the most important responsibility I have as a citizen. It is important enough to make sure that all votes are strictly accounted for. Presenting a picture I.D. is the least that we can do to insure the integrity of the voting process. I support the requirement of presenting a picture I.D. when voting.</p> <p>William C. Gilbert</p>

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Robert Giudici	Hendersonville	I have been voting for 58 years and I do not need big Gov adding some stupid unworkable voter ID requirement.
Mrs. Judy Gladden	Raleigh	Isn't it interesting that the opposition to this bill is bringing in the big guns and at the same time stating there is no voter fraud. The only reason anyone would be against a Voter PHOTO ID would be those that want to cheat. Please stand by your convictions and provide an election system that restores integrity and confidence to the citizens of North Carolina.
Mr. William Gladden	Raleigh	I support PHOTO voter ID. I have to show a photo ID to cash a check, board a plane or train, or even send a UPS package. Why would I not need a PHOTO ID to vote?? NC needs to KNOW who is voting and if they are who they say they are. The other side is saying it is too easy to get a fake ID. If that is so, why do we need drivers licenses? Bill
Ms. Barbara Godley	Winston-Salem	This bill smacks of poll taxes, poll tests, the requirement to own property in order, to vote, etc.; it smacks of people who have been lying in wait, biding their time to take N.C. and this country back to a shameful period in our history. We should be trying to increase participation of citizens in their government, not decrease it. There will always be small incidents of people trying to corrupt the ballot box whether there is photo I.D. or not. These incidents are not widespread. We do not need this photo I.D. requirement when it will present a hardship to many citizens. It is my information that it cost millions to implement such a program. Those are millions of dollars that N.C. can not afford. That money should be put to much better use! I certainly hope that Gov. Perdue will veto this bill if the legislature is short-sighted enough to pass it.
Mrs. Debra Gold	Chapel Hill	This bill should NOT be passed. This is clearly an effort by the Republican party and its corporate sponsors to hinder voting by the poor, the elderly, and student voters. The harder the Republicans make it for the less enfranchised to vote, the better it is for the Republicans and their corporate sponsors to corrupt and buy this country. This bill is an affront to our democratic process. It is designed to thwart the rights of the people to choose the office holders who will do the right thing-- the right thing is to represent the people and NOT corporations.
Roberta Gould	New Bern	I am writing to encourage the Elections Committee to enact a photo ID when obtaining a ballot at election polling stations. This simple act will insure that the person receiving the ballot is indeed who he states he is and help eliminate fraudulent voting. A valid photo could be a NC driver's license, a US military ID, or an American Passport. Thank you for considering my comments. Roberta Gould
Mr. James Grantham	Raleigh	Photo IDs are required to be presented at many places to ensure the identity of individuals. to prevent fraud and other crimes. Voting is the most valuable thing we can do as citizens and to have our votes stolen, which has occurred in many places in NC, is a very serious crime, that can not be punished without a positive ID at the voting place. PHOTO IDS MUST BE REQUIRED!!! James I.Grantham
Ms. Lois Greene	Williamston	Requiring Photo ID would eliminate many of North Carolina's citizens from exercising their right to vote.
Mrs. Julie Griffin	Winston-Salem	As a registered voter in Forsyth County for the past 26 years, I totally support requiring a photo ID to vote. I don't know why any American citizen would have a problem with showing a photo ID to be allowed to vote in an election.
Ms. Katherine Griffin	Wilmington	When my parents gave up their driving license, they had no ID. They would have been turned away and they voted in every primary and election held every year of their lives. This bill is designed to keep certain registered voters from voting. It discriminates; it is ugly; it is sad and it is un democratic.
Ms. Katherine Griffin	WILMINGTON	WHO DOESN'T HAVE A PHOTO ID? The State Board of Elections matched its database of 6.1 million registered voters with records at the Division of Motor Vehicles and found that 1 million voters did not have a NC driver's license or identification card with matching name and address – a current, valid NC photo ID. Out of the 1 million voters: ? 114,000 matched except for a variation in name (e.g., women who changed their last name). ? 334,000 had additional mismatching information but some indication they had an ID Out of the remaining 554,000 voters where no indication that a match existed: ? 95,000 are classified as Inactive registered voter ? 460,500 are Active registered voters with no indication of a NC current and valid ID.

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		<p>Out of the 6.1 million registered voters, 5.6 million are Active. This analysis compares the demographic profile of 460,500 Active voters who lack ID with the 5.6 million statewide.</p> <p>For example, while Blacks make up 22% of all Active voters, they are 32% of those without an ID, which means if you're a Black Active voter, you're 48% more likely to not have a current ID than other Active voters. Seniors over 65 are 20% of Active voters but 32% of those with no ID. Women and Democrats are also more likely to not have a current ID than men and Republicans.</p> <p>Obvious what you are trying to do dear Republicans.</p>
Mr. Samuel Grimes	Washington	I am in favor of requiring a photo ID prior to voting. I think this would lend credibility to the election system, and is an easy way to prevent at least a portion of voter fraud. Not to mention it wouldn't cost anything that I am aware of. I would not mind in the least having to carry my NCDL with me to the polling place. Please pass this bill. I
Mrs. Nancy Haas	Boone	Please vote against having to show a photo id before voting.
Mr. Doug Haber	Nags Head	I support the proposed law that would require a photo ID to vote. Our vote is so important and should never be taken lightly. Thank you for your consideration in this very important vote.
Ms. Martha Hall	Charlotte	Please oppose the Voter ID Requirements legislation. It is anti-productive and should not be endorsed nor approved. Thank you for your support against the bill.
Mr. Jon Ham	Durham	Requiring a photo ID from anyone voting is a must if we're going to ensure the integrity of the ballot box. In more innocent times we might be able to feel sure that no one would take unfair advantage of this enormous loophole, but not any more. Groups like ACORN and others have shown that they have not reverence for the democratic process. Therefore, being able to pair a name on the voter list with a photo of that voter is necessary if the ballot box is to have the respect and legitimacy it has in the past. Having to obtain a photo ID is a small price to pay for honest elections.
Mrs. Bernice Hamm	Whispering Pines	I am completely in favor of requiring photo ID in order to vote. What is the big deal? Having ID would eliminate so much fraud and "phony voters". We think nothing of showing our supermarket card when needed to purchase store specials. Showing photo ID at the polls will help to prevent the voter fraud that occurs each year at the polls, costing thousands of dollars and sometimes resulting in the wrong candidate taking office! Please vote to require photo ID in order to cast a ballot.
Mrs. Teresa Hammersley	Carrboro	I am against requiring a government-issued photo ID in order to vote in North Carolina. There are a number of reasons why obtaining this ID is a burden to a large number of NC voters, particularly the elderly and the poor, yet their right to vote is a vital part of being a good citizen and they are valuable to our society.
Ms. Beverly Hanly	Pittsboro	There is not a problem with voter fraud in NC. This bill is clearly a bill to disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of NC voters ... shades of Jin Crow. What is more, the bill would cost millions to enforce! I thought that the new representatives vowed to cut costs; this hardly seems the way to live up to their campaign promise. What a bunch of loonies!
Mrs. Mary Hardvall	Tryon	I have been active during elections for many years and have never seen a problem. Our system works. It is not broken. Please use your time to work for us, not limit our voting rights. Please don't waste our money on this terrible idea.
Mr. Marshall Hardy	Raleigh	I live in downtown Raleigh where many of my neighbors are registered voters on fixed or low incomes and do not drive. To require them to produce a photo ID to vote puts an undue burden upon them, unless the purpose is to suppress their voting. The cost, in time and money, for them to acquire an acceptable photo ID is something most people, having more means, do not understand.
Mr. Thomas Harmon	Newport	<p>Its imperative that we have Voter ID! We cannot allow people to vote who are not authorized to do so. This is a constitutional right for legal citizens of the U.S. of America. This is nonsense not wanting to offend someone and therefore allowing illegals to vote in OUR ELECTIONS. Any country you go to you have to show some type of ID. You don't just walk off the street and VOTE!</p> <p>WE NEED TO HAVE VOTER ID AND IT NEEDS TO BE INFORCED!</p>
Ms. Dale Harrington	Boone	This bill is unconstitutional. It is an unnecessary, undemocratic, and wasteful expense. Vote NO.
Mrs. Jeane Harrington	Pittsboro	I encourage you to spend your legislative time on items of more current need than this issue, since there seems to be very few problems with the practices in place now. Anything that discourages voting or makes it out of reach for a large number of our citizens is not a policy that should be pursued.
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Mrs. Josephine Harrison	Rocky Mount	I am for voter ID requirement as long as the process for obtaining a valid photo ID is easy for all.

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Mrs. Barbara Harris-Para	Whispering Pines	You can not get on a ferry, train, airplane in this country without showing proof of who you are. Our freedom to move about the country has been diminished since 2001. Why on earth do we not check to see who is voting are the legal Americans or individuals who claim to be. The motor vehicle discussion about showing proof of who you are is only one step in the process, I would rather show more than less, YES we need to see ID for no other reason to make sure that voter fraud does not take place
Dr. Carole Hatch	Boone	Voting is a privilege I have enjoyed for over 50 years. I feel a pride as an American when I cast ballots and the process inspires me to work to make our country the best it can be. It is important to do whatever we can to ensure that we do nothing to hinder people from exercising their right to vote.
Mrs. Barbara Hatcher	Pittsboro	I am against the Voter ID Bill because 1. There is not a problem of voter fraud in our state 2. The cost is great and we have a budget problem to deal with. 3. It would cause delays in voting. 4. This would affect those who do not drive, poor and elderly.
Mrs. Arlene Hemm	Canton	Please vote to stop the fraud at the voting polls. Don't use the lame excuse that it is a poll tax and unfair to the poor & minorities. Most people do have driver's licenses, if not, they can obtain a state ID. Objections to this law are from those who plan to cheat, want Acorn to cheat or are too lazy to obtain a ID card. Why are the democrats so afraid of this law, because they want to cheat so they can always be elected and re-elected.
Mr. wade hendrix	shallotte	pls support the voter id bill... elections should be determined by valid voters only... hard to understand why not show id to vote when id required on daily basis @ banks, grocery stores, credit card exchange, ect...lets get integrity back in the voter booths...
Dr. Stanley Henshaw	Pittsboro	This is not the time to waste state money on something as unnecessary and even harmful as voter ID. Requiring a government identification to vote is essentially a poll tax; if it isn't unconstitutional, it should be. How much will it cost the state to defend the law against a constitutional challenge?
Mr. Larry Henson	Wake Forest	Please establish voter ID requirements. As a pole observer; - I have seen a woman try to vote for a man and upon challenge "I voted for my aunt, now I need to vote for my uncle because he isn't coming to vote.", - I have seen individuals looking for the names of those who haven't voted and then used their names. I have seen voters give a name, but not know the address that the name is registered to. One registered voter, one vote. A vote for all, but please make sure mine is not cancelled by someone who is not voting for themselves. I tried to speak, but the time slots are all taken.
Mr. Robert Herrick	Cary	Voter verification will raise the integrity of the electoral process in North Carolina. I am in strong support of this bill.
Mrs. Virgilia Hess	KDH	I agree w/photo ID requirement for voting. This is the MOST important way for the people's voices to be heard and as noted there have been too many abuses of this right by unscrupulous people who will do anything to make sure that their party wins.
Mrs. Raquel Hewitt	Elizabeth City	This should be a requirement. In this age, everyone needs a State Issued ID/DL in order to do business at banks, so why not have this as a requirement to vote? In NC, we are dealing with many illegal immigrants. This will make all voting fair. I was amazed moving here from Virginia that I could walk up to the poll, spit out my name, and vote. I will say that many people do not change their address because it costs at DMV to do so. So they are waiting until the licenses expire, which is going to be difficult for jurisdictions. I see it every day! So you may also have to do like VA and print on card stock at DMV address change cards to carry with their licenses at no fee.
Mrs. Mary Hightower	Raleigh	This is the only fair and legal way to prove that you are who you say you are at the time of voting. I can't imagine why anyone would have a problem with this unless you are trying to scam the voting system.
Ms. Beth Hlgley	Fleetwood	I keep my SS Card locked up these days in a Safety Deposit box and do not feel that my right to vote should also be dependent on whether or not i can get to the bank to acquire my SS Card as well. Carrying this kind of ID along with a birth certificate is just insanity in these times of ID theft. Not to mention that few folks have the original of their Birth Cert. And you are asking for anit discrimination lawsuits with this kind of narrow minded fear mongering legislation - and do state really have the money to spend on those kinds of legal matters? This smacks of racism to me.
Mr. David Hines	Littleton	Voter ID is something that's been needed for a long time. In this day and age it would not present a hardship on anyone wanting to vote. Also, consider some method of proving identity on absentee ballots. Thank you
Mrs. Karen Hines	Littleton	I definitely think we need to show a photo id before we vote. You have to show identification to cash a check, pick up medicines, drive, etc. Why should something as important as voting be allowed by just giving someone's address. The DMV has the photo procedure down pat - let them take the photo ids. And I know the argument that this would be a hardship for some people but I bet they get wherever else they want to go - church,

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		shopping, etc. If voting is important, I think people will make an effort to get a photo id. As Americans we should insist that only people who are legally qualified to vote be able to vote.
Mr. Edward Hirsch	RALEIGH	Very simple - Photo ID should be required by everyone to vote. Please make this happen!
Ms. Sallyann Hobson	Stem	I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO A VOTER PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT AND WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO WORK AGAINST THE PASSING OF SUCH A BILL. I CONSIDER A REQUIREMENT TO PRODUCE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PICTURE ID BEFOE VOTING IN NORTH CAROLINA TO BE VOTER SUPPRESSION OF HONEST CITIZENS AND A DISGRACE TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SO THAT ALL NC CITIZENS CAN VOTE.
Ms. Nancy Hodges	Wilmington	I say "No to Photo ID!" Many people either do not have a photo ID/Driver's License, or they will find it very difficult to obtain one. In addition, it will cost this State an enormous amount of money in a time when many services are being discontinued, and people laid off. Nothing says that a photo ID is required to vote in the State's or the Nation's Constitutions. We must not add another barrier to the right of every citizen to vote in our democratic republic. Thank you for your sincere and thoughtful consideration, and voting against changing how we experience our rights as citizens.
Mr. Michael Hoffman	Holly Springs	I absolutely support having a photo ID requirement to vote. I cannot think of a single, legitimate reason NOT to have one in a society that requires one for most every other transaction.
Ms. Deanna Holcombe	Asheville	This is something that I feel must be done. We really need to know who is voting. With out a voter ID, we leave ourselves open to a lot of fraud. I am so concerned about who is voting in our elections. I also do not think that we should have register and vote the same day. There is no way to vet these people. Early voting is fine, but we need to cut that off a few weeks before election. Well, that is my two cents worth. Thanks for reading. Deanna Holcombe
Marjory Holder	Blowing Rock	Given that the NC Constitution allows the legislature to regulate voter registration, but NOT to place any additional requirements on voters attempting to exercise their right to vote, any requirement that voters produce a state-issued i.d. with current address on it is unconstitutional in this state. Furthermore, this bill is - on the face of it - targeted at minorities, students, the handicapped, the elderly, and the poor, all of whom are much less likely to have either a state-issued i.d., or (if they have one) to have one with a current address. Credible estimates are that 200,000 North Carolina voters would be affected by this proposed law. If we do not wish to be accused by the federal Office of Civil Rights of instituting an illegal poll tax (A state i.d. costs \$10. The documents needed to GET such an i.d. cost \$15-\$25 to get.), the state of North Carolina will have to provide these i.d.'s for free. Finally, in a time of tight budget constraints, the idea of passing a law that would increase costs to the state by AT LEAST \$20-million is completely incomprehensible. Voter fraud is a non-problem in this state, and this proposed law is a waste of time and money.
Ms. Elizabeth Holsrten	Chapel Hill	Please don't consider this very bad idea. This is designed only to keep certain groups of people from voting - the right that everyone should have without question.
Mr. Phillip Honeycutt	Fuquay Varina	Even at 64, I have to show my drivers license to use my credit card or write a check. Sears had to check it this week before they would take my credit card for tires. Surely a vote is more important.....
Mr. Earl T. Howard	Dobson	Photo ID would be a GREAT THING!
Lucille Howard	Charlotte	There are so few instances of voter fraud in this state that producing a photo ID would prevent, I believe that it is not in the state's (and therefore, the county's) interest to enact such a provision. It would be costly, divisive, perceived as discriminatory and an unbelievable hassle for some elderly voters. Please do not submit this measure to a full House vote. Thank you.
Marie Howell	Rowan County	The last few elections I have voted early, which brought to my attention the need for Voter ID. When I voted in the past at my local precinct, the workers all knew me and I knew them. Therefore no need for an ID. However by voting early, I had to vote at the public library. I didn't know the workers. They didn't know me. All I had to do was give them my name and address. What would have stopped me, if I was as unscrupulous as The League, from going back the next day, giving a neighbor's name and address, and voting again?

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Ms. Carolyn Hoyle	Vale	I think that a voter ID should be required to vote. Look at what happened in the last election with Acorn workers telling the media that names were falsified. Americans should be assured of a fair election and this would be the best way. Please help make our votes count !
Glenda Hubbard	Boone	It is unfair to require a photo ID to vote. Many senior citizens find it difficult to get a photo ID and should not be penalized!
Mr. Hal Huffman	Sneads Ferry	I have been greatly concerned with voter fraud given this administrations honesty track record at the polls and also with the ILLEGAL ALIENS invading our country who i am sure are voting. Voting is a gift and should be protected and if it takes a photo ID to make our voting honest and pure then i am for it PROVIDED we have some kind of checks and balances to make sure those applying for Photo ID are who or what they say they are and truly are citizens of our state and country.
Mr. Kenneth Hunt	Garner	The issue of requireing someone to present an ID prior to voting is very simple. If they do not present ID how do you know who they are? If one person votes who should not have voted they have taken the voting rights away of an elligable voter. This is unacceptable!! If not having an ID is an issue of cost, the state may lok into subsidizing a legitimate form of ID for those who cannot afforded it. If they are on any type of state subsistance due to a lack of funds, I surely hope we already require these people to present identification when applying for any type of help. I find it appalling that in the 21 century we don't require our people to provide proof of citezenship in the state of North Carolina. Only criminals would object to such a thing as asking someone for proof of citizenship. Signed, Tax payer- for many years Kenneth Hunt
Francis Hurley	Chapel Hill	Photo ID absolutely should be a requirement to vote. When a fraudulent vote is cast, it negates my legitimate vote and is the electoral equivalent of my being prevented by intimidation from casting my vote, a phenomenon associated with third-world locations such as Liberia and inner-city Philadelphia. As a Durham County early-voting election observer, I was appalled to learn that a prospective voter need only come up with a surname that appears somewhere in the County rolls in order to receive a ballot; no correlation of address, age/birthdate, or even given name required. Wow!!!
Mr. Ronald Ihnot	Matthews	I firmly believe that NC should require a voter ID to vote. Every time I vote I ask the person checking me in 'Who should I be today?' They reply, 'Why you should be yourself.' to which I answer: 'And how do you know who I am?' Their answer: 'You just told me.' I then ask 'How do you know I'm not lying, you don't check for positive identification'. They tell me it's against the law to vote for someone else and I shake my head and walk away, in frustration.
Mr. Mark Infield	High Point	Voting is a sacred trust for citizens of our great country. If you have to show an ID to buy a pack of cigarettes or a 6 pack of beer, shouldn't proof of who you are be more important than any of these when it comes to voting? I think so! Please make it absolutely necessary to show proof positive identification to vote. It is essential that you are eligible to vote and that you are voting in the proper poling place. This is a "no brainer". Please make some common sense laws for a change. THIS IS ONE OF THEM.
Mrs. Patricia Iserhardt	Burnsville,	My husband and I were appalled during the last election when we to the Board of Elections to vote early and they didn't "want" an ID. I asked her if she wanted my drivers license and she said "No, we don't need it". I asked how would she know of I had died and someone else came in and just used my name. Her answer was unacceptable. Something to the effect that if someone questioned them about that later then they would investigate it. That is RIDICULOUS! ALSO, I noticed that all the voting instructions were in Spanish. EXCUSE ME?? There was nothing in English and we were unfamiliar, as new NC residents, as to what to do. When does a "citizen" get to vote if they can't speak the language? Isn't this part of becoming an American citizen? Or, maybe they aren't citizens???? IMAGINE THAT!! Time to make this an American state again.
Ms. Lyn Jackson	Cary	Please do NOT enact a law requiring photo or any ID to vote. This is a HUGE waste of our taxpayer money and our precious time and resources - AND YOURS. Please pass legislation that will help fund education, early childhood initiatives, jobs creation and so many other important and worthwhile endeavors. Thank you. Sincerely, Lyn Jackson
Mr. Douglas James	Boone	This bill is nothing more than a blatant attempt to disenfranchise the poor and college students who generally tend to vote for liberals. It is shameful and anti-democratic effort reminiscent of now-outlawed poll taxes previously used to prevent non-conservatives from voting. This bill should NOT be passed!
Laurel Jarmon	Raleigh	This is a no brainer. There is no reason that we have to show ID for a million of the little things that we do everyday but not for something as important as voting. Especially with all the fraud in the world. Please pass the law that ID be required to vote!

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Mrs. Allison Jennings	Sugar Grove	Please do not send North Carolina back to the time of poll taxes and voter supression. We are above this. Our state constitution clearly makes this unconstitutional. This truly is the most important current issue facing us. If this Voter ID law passes we will be sending honest, North Carolina citizens a message that their vote costs money. In turn, this bill would have much more than a monetary impact. I pray deeply and ask NC lawmakers to please keep the promises of the NC State Constitution and reject the Voter ID Bill.
Mr. Kenneth Jewell	Winston Salem	I think that requiring everyone to show an id to vote is a good idea & a law should be passed. This will insure that everyone that votes has the right to do so.
JAMES JOHNSON	HOLLISTER	To require photo ID in order to vote will be the same as wipping out all of the Civil Rights work done in the past making it possible for American Citizens would to have the oppertunity to vote. my request is. PLEASE DON'T DO THAT IT WILL DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD!!!!!!!!!
Ms. Mana Johnson	Raleigh	I am opposed to the voter ID requirement. It will cost too much money and it is discriminatory. It also does not prevent people from getting a fake ID. It is also too cumbersome because it will slow down the process. Mana Johnson
Mr. Raymond Johnson	Fayetteville	Please stop the current and future voter fraud and pass Voter ID Requirements.
Ms. Dianna Jolly	Charlotte	This bill is unnecessary and a waste of time when there are serious issues that directly impact the citizens of North Carolina that need to be addressed by the state legislators. Please move on to something that is really needed.
Mrs. Christa Jones	Winston-Salem	<p>Valued Lawmakers,</p> <p>as a 1969 immigrant from (then) West Germany, I am really surprised that North Carolina seems to be looking at my native country for advice on how to "handle" identity matters. It was (and still is) perfectly normal for every German to be required by law to obtain a photo ID (Personalausweis) on his or her fifteenth birthday. That seems to be a police state's way of keeping track of its citizens (I must admit, I am not informed as to what all foreign nationals with visas etc. (Aufenthatsurlaubnis), work permits (Arbeitserlaubnis) (Erlaubnis being the opposite of Verbot or denial as in verboten=forbidden) and the likes have to do at that age. I do know, however, that Germans can only vote at age eighteen, as well as - at 18 - may obtain a drivers license.</p> <p>To travel from Europe to the United States (and back), one has to obtain a passport of one's native land. As a "Permanent Resident" in the US one has to obtain a "Green Card" which is vital to re-enter the US should one like to travel outside the States. But such person cannot vote because he/she is not an American citizen. OK, all that is clear and should be understandable to people who want to maintain a certain degree of mobility once they cross the border into the United States without being American citizens.</p> <p>So, the puzzling thing to me now really is this "voter photo ID" proposal in an American state for American citizens, people of all walks of life - including old people, people of obvious American origin (like most Black people in the South!) etc. ... I thought the great difference about America was this FREEDOM where you couldn't just randomly be dragged out of your own home, or be randomly checked on the street for your photo ID. I thought that every voting citizen had to pre-register anyway and thus be recorded as a voting member of society.</p> <p>Well, when I became a citizen, I registered as a voter right away (back then in Alabama). I never did obtain a photo ID voter registration but instead received my (non-photoed) voter registration in the mail. Back here in NC, I admit, I had to get a new drivers license and thus was automatically (???) registered to vote. At any rate, when 2008 came around, and I went to my voting precinct, my name was there with my home address without having to produce additional identification! What more do you people (with that photo-ID thing) want from us people??? What will happen when I lose my drivers license to old age? Will I have to register with the police? (I'm a senior now) Will I have to keep my passport renewed even when I no longer feel like traveling oversees? A passport is not cheap, you know.</p> <p>Just call me "confused", but unless the entire country changes its policy in the direction of valid photo ID on one's body at all times, I find this notion that voters in North Carolina now have to make extra runs to obtain such an ID (if they are not drivers) somewhat suspiciously "targeted" toward people of low income, immobility, illiteracy (yes, they do exist here!), and other disabilities. There certainly are ways and means in place now to verify a person's citizenship and voter eligibility, don't you think?!</p> <p>Thank you for your attention, and I'd love to hear from you!</p> <p>Christa Jones, retired (NC certified!) teacher</p>
Mr. Terry Jones	Manteo	I 100% support the requirement of proper photo ID to exercise the right to vote. I would also require US citizenship if not already verified by the photo ID document. Requiring anything less dishonors our national hetitage, sovereignty and the men and women who have given their lives for our freedom.
Ms. Janet Joyner	Winston-Salem	Voter fraud is not a problem in NC. It is a fake issue designed by the fat cats to reduce the numbers of those most likely to vote against them: the young, the poor, the elderly, and especially college students. Voter ID photo has not identified fraud or changed attempts at fraud in other states. This is a rig-the-election tactic, since they fear they can't win on the issues. Stop the fat cats, those who rob the public till, run big deficits so they can claim that emergency requires cutting public sector jobs in order to rehire their own cronies and serfs.
Margaret Joyner	Zebulon	I'm very very much in favor for this bill to pass. Such a bill will help to clean up the dirty politics that is so prevalant today!!! Please help the citizens of NC---PASS THE BILL!!!! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

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Mr. James Judson	Pisgah Forest	I think as a minimum photo I.D. should be required. While I feel that when a voter appears at the polls there is little change of fraud in my community, more urban areas may differ. How is absentee voting going to be handled? I think that the motor-voter act was established to encourage fraud.
Mr. Bill Julson	Clyde	We absolutely need stronger Voter ID Requirements to stop fraudulent voting practices statewide. WE NEED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION such as a NC Drivers License, although even those can be counterfeited. Poll workers need to be more cognizant of their duties & to do them diligently & honestly to help weed out fraud to make elections an honest reflection of voters desire. NO POLITICAL PARTY should have an advantage in Election Officials in any precinct in the state & all take an oath to uphold State Election Laws, & be held accountable for their actions. Voter Complaints need to be honestly handled, instead of being whitewashed by party cronies.
Mrs. Marion Julson	Clyde	It is imperative that we protect our right to vote by imposing a photo ID requirement to weed out the dead and/or illegal voters.
Ms. Carol Keating	Raleigh	I think we should have to produce some form of picture ID when voting. I have a valid NC drivers license which I think should be sufficient because it proves where I live. One of the arguments is people's address on their license may not be correct. 1. I think it is the law to have it corrected when you move. 2. It is a right to vote and if a person believes in that right that would have the correct address. 3. People who do not drive and need a picture ID and can prove they are a voter, can be given a valid ID. I think we need to help people who have trouble getting out to get one. You can go to DMV now and get a picture ID that is not a drivers license. Correct? Thank you. (I am also concerned about voter fraud because we have 9.4 million people and about 7 million registered voters, does that sound correct percentage-wise?)
Ms. Emily Keel	Robersonville	Each election, several of my local friends who are elderly or disabled look forward to fulfilling their civic responsibility to vote. They require assistance and vote curb side. If required to obtain a government issued photo id, I am quite sure that most of them will simply not vote. The expense and effort required will be a bit beyond their ease and comfort. This bill will be seen as a rejection to many voters and has no purpose. A felony punishment for a forged vote is quite severe punishment and we need not go further to punish thousands of diligent voters to prevent a rare crime. Computer vote manipulation is the crime to concern ourselves with.
Mrs. Mary Ann Keeney	Raleigh	I cannot imagine what you actually hope to gain by this useless - and expensive - piece of legislation. It's Jim Crow all over again but this time targets additional populations of citizens, including the elderly, disabled, students and others. I for one vote absentee every single election because it is too difficult to get to the polls - even for early voting or for disability voting (YOU sit in your vehicle and wait for someone to happen to notice you after a too long wait!) When my parents moved to NC, it was extremely difficult for me to get them to DMV for a photo ID which they were required to have to vote even then. They were even more disabled than I at the time. Then there are the long lines... NO, NO, NO to this bill!!! You must not do this. It's the forerunner of more and more Art Pope qualifications for voting...his way or the highway. You should know all about how damaging it is for him to hold the reins of state government. Don't let him do this to the general population!
Ms. Mary Kelley	Raleigh	What difference will photo identification make? More voter fraud occurs during absentee voting. Fake photo id's are more prevalent than vote fraud. Why not ask the voter more questions? "state your name, address, date of birth, place of birth....." Why add more bureaucracy to the system?
Mr. Michael Kelley	Graham	Ladies and Gentlemen of the North Carolina General Assembly, Please do whatever is necessary to secure the validity and sanctity of the individual vote. No right should be more cherished than this, which secures and ensures our most personal and individual contribution to liberty. Every vote is (and should be) an affirmation of loyalty to our state and nation, and a pledge of trust in the system of governance established by our founders wherein the power of rule ultimately rests in the hands of the people. No legitimate vote is any more powerful or less valuable than any other, and all have equal voice and weight in deciding the eventual outcome of any political contest or decision. No legitimate vote should be minimized, marginalized, or discounted - no vote should be ignored or dismissed. All are equal. To those who wrongly argue that the cost of implementing photo ID is too great I say, "Then let not your vote be counted as the cost of counting it is too great!". Rebuttal is sure to quickly follow, as they indeed know the true value of their vote. It is only another's right that shall be impinged... These are the people who argue not for true liberty and fairness for all, but instead for their own selfish devices. To those who complain that it is too great an inconvenience, I must ask, "At what price will you sell your liberty?" Any person internally compelled to participate in the election process will certainly do what is necessary to satisfy the conditions of establishing identity as a simple means test of legitimacy. To do otherwise invites fraud and opportunity for someone else to cast a vote in their stead. That said, are not dissenters of this proposal indeed opting for fraud and destabilization of the electoral process?

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		<p>True enough, only in recent decades has this matter become a reasonable cause for concern, but a matter for concern it is and ever shall be unless we take the steps necessary to secure our Republic. No tax dollar will ever be spent in a more responsible manner than this; to secure the legitimacy of the electoral process.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my opinion and I implore you to read it from the floor as a voice of the people.</p> <p>I regret I cannot be present to deliver the message personally. Feel free to contact me directly at 336-263-2826 if I may be of further assistance in this matter.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Michael L. Kelley Graham, NC</p>
Mr. Ian Kelly	Boone	<p>I am a student and I vote. This vote hurts students both democrat and republican. My drivers license has my Chapel Hill address. I don't vote in Chapel Hill. I vote in Boone. As a college student I have become a member of the Boone community and I vote in this community. This bill would impede my ability to vote for my local leaders. Democrats vote by absentee ballot more than republicans and absentee ballots are not required to show ID. This hurts Republicans who vote on election day and have to show ID.</p>
Ms. Martha Kennedy	Winston Salem	<p>Please consider that requirments for voter ID will cost the state money we don't have, possibly giving rise to calls for more restrictions in education funding. Picture officials traveling to nursing homes with their photo equipment to make ID's for all the elderly. Please take a good look at the program costs and defeciencies in the states already using voter ID. Problems with fake ID's?</p>
Mr. Nicholas Kepf	Indian Trail	<p>I strongly disagree with requiring a photo ID to vote. The penalty for fraudulent voting is already strong and these laws should continue to be enforced. There are limited cases of actual voter fraud on record. This law will not protecting system of voting, rather it will disenfranchise a group of voters.</p>
Mrs. Helen King	Lake Junaluska	<p>I am wondering why this legislation is being proposed in a time of cutting costs. Would this not cost millions of dollars and create "another level of government" with all that implies? We need money for education and basic services.</p>
Mrs. Jackie King	Wilmington	<p>Unfortunately I will not be able to join the group from Wilmington on Tuesday, butwant you to know that I strongly would like voter ID be required. I have worked as a temporary employee for the Board of Election for several elections and know first hand that this should be required. I urge you to support this resolution.</p>
Dr. William E. King	Lake Junaluska	<p>I urge the defeat of the quite undemocratic requirement of a photo ID to vote in NC. The history and strength of democracy in this country and state is the expansion of the franchise from eleminating property voter qualifications early on to granting the right to vote to women in the 20th century. In addition practical issues such as what ID to require and cost simply add to increased government involvement and expense at a time when the desire for less government intrusion and the need for careful expenditure of tax money is of paramount concern. Also in the true grand scheme of things there is little need for this legislation. Cordially, William E. King</p>
Ms. Glenda Kirby	Winston-Salem	<p>The NC House has more important issues to deal with. This will cost taxpayers more at a time when money for education is being cut.</p>
Mrs. Trinetta Kirkman	Tobaccoville	<p>Maybe we also need to go back to the poll tax and give everyone a ridiculous test to see if they are eligible to vote. This bill is just another way to create more paperwork and therefore spend more money. I thought that the Republicans were fighting for reducing the size of government and Jobs, Jobs, Jobs.</p>
Ms. rhonda klevansky	durham	<p>Requiring people to present government issued photo-id every time they vote is a terrible idea and undermines the great democracy of the USA . The many people who, for various reasons, don't have official government ID should not be restricted from voting.</p>
Bill Kloepfer	Greenville	<p>Fraudulent voting is occuring extremely infrequently and is already a fellony crime. The resources and funding this bill requires to address something that is not a problem could be better used elsewhere. We should be encouraging citizens to be involved in government and to vote, not working to make it harder some of our citizens to do so.</p>
Mr. Josph Kondas	Banner Elk	<p>I believe the display of a bona fide photo identification e.g. driver's license, military identification card, etc. should be a requirement when registering to vote and when voting in elections. It is my belief that such requirements would go a long way in preventing election fraud.</p>
Mr. Sean Kosofsky	Raleigh	<p>I think this bill is an affront to Democracy. We simply do not have a voter fraud problem to justify this legislation and it smacks of partisanship. Please do not pass it.</p>
Ms. Kathy Krimminger	Rockwell	<p>YES..I do think we need a photo ID to vote..we need a photo ID in order to do alot of thing,so why not have one to vote? It's not all that hard to get a photo ID and if you need one for certain things,you should have one to vote. This way you can be sure that the one voteing is really the one that has a right to vote...this will also cut back on voter fraud...I say YES YES YES for photo ID to vote.</p>

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Ms. Shirley Kronbach	Pinehurst	Please please please insist on a photo ID to vote in all elections in North Carolina. Everyone needs one for everything else they do. Thanks you sk
MaryCatherine Kurzenski	Durham	I am for photo ID because there are too many illegals in the US who are sucking the system dry. In many areas of life, proof of who one is can only be determined through documents and an ID is a concise way to do it.
Mr. Charles Kuykendall	Flat Rock	Dear Sir or Madam: We absolutely need to require a photo ID in order to vote. I cannot believe we do not require that now. It is a disgrace to think that someone could go into the poll and cast a vote for me without my knowledge. Charles Kuykendall Flat Rock, NC
Dr. Kathleen Lack	Barnardsville	We must require NC voters to show ID to prove their identity. Only folks with their heads in the sand believe that voter fraud doesn't happen. It does happen and it is easy to get away with it. Voter ID is absolutely necessary.
Mrs. jackie Lacy	Selma	To revert to voter ID requirements is a slap in the face of those who worked so hard to get people voting rights. If you are trying to target one group which is unfair, target the hispanic, latino but to require Photo ID for natural born citizens is going back to slavery days and I resent it very much.
Mr. kevin lamb	concord	voter id is a common sense solution to voter fraud.
Mr. Arnold Landsberg	Raleigh	I support voter ID
Mrs. Vinita Lane	Raleigh	When a citizen registers to vote, ID is required, if I am correct. If a person who is registered to vote does not have a driver's license, nor any form of ID with a picture on it, then that would mean that that person could not vote, even though he/she is a registered voter. Seems like double-jeopardy to me. My question is, what purpose is served in having an individual prove their existence twice? This seems so much like another effort to hinder citizens from carrying out their rights as United States Citizens. Further, this would impact our economu in that additional jobs would need to be created to enforce this "new requirement to vote" When are we going to stop stepping on people who already feel downtrodden in this society, and let them exercise what we have been fighting for all of our lives,THE RIGHT TO VOTE-UNENCUMBERED!!!!
Mr. Kenneth Lang	Stella	I've worked at the polls in Carteret County during elections. I have heard a large number of comments from voters expressing their desire for voter identification to ensure that credibility of the most precious right we have as citizens of the United States and North Carolina. I hope that our NC representatives will look past the rhetoric and vote for positive voter identification in NC.
Ms. Carole Larivee	Waynesville	I am fervently opposed to requiring a voter id. First of all, my research tells me that voter fraud is NOT a problem in North Carolina. Second, I have read this requirement could cost NC taxpayers \$20 million in a time when essential programs like education are being cut. Third, photo ids can be faked. What will we go to next, fingerprint or eyeball scan? And, most importantly, thousands of voters will be disenfranchised.
Mrs. Cynthia Lassiter	Lucama	With all the onerous requirements that I am mandated by law to perform as citizen of North Carolina, I think showing my I. D. before I vote is actually protecting my status as a legal citizen of this state and nation. Even though the Federal Government has refused to protect the borders of my country and this is one of it's prime duties as set forth in the Constitution of the United States, displaying my I.D. before I vote would be a small action I could personally take to protect the electoral process and to insure that only citizens could influence the direction of this nation.
Ms. Ruth Laughlin	Boone	This legislation in no way addresses our most pressing problems in North Carolina: Jobs, reducing government debt, saving our public schools. Voter fraud is not a problem. How many voter fraud incidents have their been? Eight. In these tough times why spend millions to implement unneeded legislation that no doubt will face an expensive court challenge. There are better ways to use our limited state resouces. Furthermore the legislation as it was proposed last year is very likely unconstitutional in NC. Voter ID requirements that were previously proposed would in effect disenfranchise the elderly, students, renters and many of poor people. Requiring documents, i.e., original birth certificates, marriage/divorce/change of name documents that are costly to obtain in effect is a pole tax.

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Ms. Kimberly Laughrey	Roanoke Rapids	It is ABSOLUTELY ridiculous that people are not required to show picture ID when voting in this state. The fastest way to destroy a democracy is to have people voting that have no right to.
Mr. Gary LaVallee	Raleigh	I am in full support of requiring photo ID to vote. The current situation is absolutely unacceptable.
Ms. Betty Jane Lazo	Raleigh	We have fought for free elections and can't lose them now--a required ID takes away our freedom!!
Mr. John Leatherwood	Southern Shores	I strongly urge passage of legislation requiring Voter Photo Identification - a Photo ID legally recognized by the State which would be either a driver's license, or a non-driver ID. This will cut down on voter fraud - hopefully including illegal aliens voting illegally here in our State - unless of course the State somehow gives a drivers license to someone who lives here illegally!
Mr. William Leavy	Winston-Salem	There are over 460,000 active North Carolina voters who do not possess a current photo ID and thus, would be affected. The threat of possible voter fraud is miniscule compared with the number of North Carolina residents who would be denied the right to vote.
Mr. Thad Lee	Raleigh	It is unclear what problem this initiative is attempting to reconcile. There were only 18 confirmed cases of voter fraud in the 2008 election out of over 4 million votes cast. I am concerned that this initiative may be aimed more at curbing the voting franchise of some disadvantaged and home-bound citizens who may not have need or the wherewithal to obtain a state-issued photo ID. As someone with a drivers license, I assume this will not directly affect me, but I can imagine it will be a significant hardship for some people to find transportation, and perhaps help with a wheelchair, to go to a DMV office (or other sanctioned location) to obtain their photo ID. The net effect of this proposed legislation seems to reduce the rolls of registered voters rather than fix a major problem with voter fraud. The proposed legislation seems to be at odds with our Constitution and the principals of Democracy, and looks to be yet another example of unnecessary regulation and interference by government.
Mr. Charles Lemak	Asheville	Definitely" YES". I do not understand why this is being questioned. Our vote is most precious. Our vote must be protected by any means necessary. You do not vote for this. I do not vote for you.
Ginny Lentz	Weaverville	Does this mean if you don't drive, you don't vote? That would be disenfranchising all the baby boomers' rights one at a time as we age and stop driving. What kind of photo ID? Will this mean more expense to the state? Please vote no.
Mrs. Debra Lewis	Salisbury	I have always had to show a photo i.d when voting.Everyone should be required to do so.Otherwise you are asking for voter fraud.It scares me to know that anyone could just walk in and say they are me,and cast a vote under my name.That would also take my vote away.
Mrs. Pat Lewis	Southport	As a poll worker many of the voters are upset when we tell them they we do not need to show a picture ID.
Paula Lewis	Durham	I can't believe we would ever give someone the right to vote without showing ID. I am from NE and we sure do have to show id and have the address match also. How can we guarantee we are getting votes from OUR people if we don't even verify who they are? PLEASE vote to require ID.
Mr. Frank Livingston	Garner	We must put CREDIBILITY back into our voting system and a CREDITIBLE ID card must be a part of the entire system. Also, I suggest you start the process of removing the Matricula Consular issued by the Mexican consulate FOR North Carolina as a legal ID to obtain a drivers license. Please look online at: http://www.ncdot.org/dmv/driver_services/drivingpublic/applying.html#Step 2
Mrs. Jerrlyn Logan	Winterville	My husband and I are certainly for photo ID requirements!! As it stands now, anyone can vote, legal or illegal. We have never had to show any form of ID since we have lived in NC. We are excited to see that there might be changes for the better. As American citizens, we are tired of illegal people having more rights than we do. Free medical care, bending over backwards for illegals when our natural citizens struggle, allowing them to vote (illegally) for major changes in our state and not really having that right. Yes, we really want the photo ID requirement. We cannot stress this enough. Thank you
Mr. Larry Loller	High Point	Yes, requiring a voter to show a proper ID before voting in only reasonable. The only reason someone wouldn't want to show one is if they are cheating. Everyone has an ID so why not use it. Don't give me the line that it will hurt the poor. You have to have an ID to get state aid too.
Mr. Paul Lombardo	Winston Salem	I oppose the voter ID requirements under consideration. The eight states that currently require photo ID for voters have spent and continue to spend millions of dollars implementing their programs; yet they do validate the IDs they require. Voter ID is government at its worst: it is wasteful spending and it will disenfranchise many voters.
Sheilah Lombardo		I fail to see what will benefit the state will derive from this bill, while there are good reasons to defeat it. Voter participation is shamefully low as it is; if a registered voter shows up at the poll, it's cause for celebration! By making it more difficult for many to vote, this bill will effectively disenfranchise voters. IDs are easily faked. And at a time when the state is desperately trying to make ends meet, why are we even considering this new and useless waste of taxpayer dollars?

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Dr. Robert Louttit	Candler	Large numbers of voters do not now have photo ID's, and could not easily get them. This might include busy college students, infirm elderly people, and many others. We have never required a photo ID before, and there is almost no indication of need for such a thing. This is a craven attempt by the Republican majority in the legislature to disenfranchise (mostly) Democrats.
Mrs. Kathy Love	Graham	To be able to vote in NC I think a photo ID should be required. Even better, give voters a voter registration card with a photo ID to present to vote.
Mrs. Linda Love	Albemarle	I recently moved to North Carolina from South Carolina and when I went to vote for the first time I was amazed that no one asked to see my voter registration card OR my driver's license before allowing me to vote! In my opinion, this State is making it easy to commit voter fraud. North Carolina should do EVERYTHING possible to insure that the election process is one that the citizens of this State can trust to reflect the true choices of REGISTERED voters. Under the current rules, we can have no confidence that election results accurately reflect those choices. Thank you.
Mr. Bobby Lowe	Taylorsville	I think with the growing problem of Illegal Immigrants and ID theft it is an unquestionable necessity that we require photo id to vote.
Katherine Lucas	Rocky Mount	I say "No" to the Voter ID Laws. Why try to fix something when it's not broken! If only 18 votes out of the 4.3 millions cast in North Carolina in 2008 were by people pretending to be someone else, is that fraud? Yes, but to the lowest degree. It is more evident every day that the real fraud is being practiced in our state and country by that segment of our society who are attempting to eradicate democracy. They are trying to invent a society where only the strong can survive. This group oppose those who believe in government for the people and by the people. The passing of the Voter ID Laws would cause more difficulty for the tens of thousands of North Carolina citizens in rest homes, college students, people of color and those with low incomes. Also, citizens with disabilities are less likely to have drivers' licenses and would more likely need transportation to update their official ID. The current laws prevent fraud since it is a felony to vote illegally in North Carolina or to lie when one signs to vote. ID must be shown in order to register. Poll watchers, increasing in numbers, are always available and can be increased. With our state facing " gut-wrenching budget decisions," why add these unneeded laws to further burden our state and citizens with more frustrations? These laws will create mob disorder, make lines longer for everyone and lower turnouts more. Please avoid this pandemonium by stopping this costly and unneeded legislature. SO PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS GROUP, MINORITY IN NUMBER BUT SUPERIORITY IN MONEY AND POWER, BRING MORE TURMOIL TO NORTH CAROLINA!
Ms. Lee Luebbe	Hendersonville	The photo ID requirement is placing more restrictions on voting than necessary. What kind of situation will be created for those who are voting absentee? for those who are unable have a picture taken? The State Board of Elections has estimated that more than 400,000 plus will be disenfranchised their voting rights if this law passes. Surely a place of residence and a signaure is adequate. In another state in which I lived, a current statement of their utility bill or a neighbor vouching for them was considered adequate ID. Let's make voting an easy process rather than making it more restrictive.
Ms. Margaret Lumsden		There is no need to add an extra step at the polling places when registration requires an ID to begin with. Don't put this needless burden on our poll workers.
Ms. Marjorie Lynch	Wendell	I support the existing procedure for voting. An ID requirement is unnecessary and will dampen participation. I have voted in NC since I was 18 and have never noted any problems that an ID requirement would prevent.
Mrs. Ronken Lynton	Pittsboro	This requirement is expensive, unnecessary, and open to more fraud than the present system. Please vote against it. It should never reach the floor!
Louise Lyons	Wilmington	I am in favor of a bill requiring photo I.D. for voting or eye print. ID of some sort is just good government. Fraud is a way of life today growing rampant not just in voting. Please do something.
Ms. A M	Boone	I am adopted and do not have access to my "original" birth certificate. I also do not want to show my social security card when I vote, there is enough identity theft as it is. I don't carry it with me either. This is going too far and not protecting the innocent citizens.
Mr. louis ma	Charlotte	we should provide NC photo id to voters first. when the penetration rate is more than 90% than we institute the voter ID requirement. not sooner.
Mr. Charles Macon	Raleigh	I support the voter ID requirement because with the current law, there is an opportunity to have voter fraud. The one thing we have to be grateful and cherish is our right to vote. We do not have to worry about dictators.
Mr. roger magendie	maggie valley	YES! require photo ID!

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Mr. Emory Maiden	Lexington	This strikes me as a very bad idea. We continue to try to encourage young people be engaged as citizens and the voting process, and then we propose a bill that seems to effectively disenfranchise college students from voting in the towns where they attend school. How would this help our state or republic?
Mr. David Manning	Raleigh	What good reason could there possibly be for not requiring a voter to show id?
Mrs. Frances Manning	Greensboro	My husband and I both agree that everyone should have picture ID in order to vote in any election. It should be able to have a bar code so it can be scanned into the computer. That would also be a way to keep people from voting that are not registered and also would cut down on the waiting time to be able to vote. Also it could save money in the long run in the amount of Pole workers that are required to be there for the public.
Mr. Roland Manning	Bethel	Everyone in this state should have Photo ID not only for voter Id but so they can be in a security database. Remember the world trade centers since that event we cannot afford not to do this.
Mrs. Lisa Marley	Kill Devil Hills	I support the proposed law to require a photo id to vote. Voter fraud dilutes everyone's votes and casts doubt on election results. The fraud in the Washington County Sheriff's race proves how crucial this law is.
Mr. walter marshall	winston salem	This a move back to the days of Jim Crow and poll taxes. supported by the KOCH brothers to divide working class people.
Mrs. Brenda Martin	Raleigh	I want NC to pass a law that requires that EVERYONE must present a picture identification card (Ex: drivers license or any other state or government identification card)in order to vote in ALL elections in NC. This should be a "no brainer" for reducing voter fraud. I do not want anyone voting that is an illegal alien or that has not legally shown that they are legally able to vote.
Mr. Kenneth Martin	Raleigh	I want everyone voting in NC to have to show a government picture ID card (Ex: NC Drivers License)to be allowed to vote in ALL of the elections in NC. We must do what ever we can to stop voter fraud.
Mr. Robert Mason	Pinebluff	Sirs, I strongly support a photo I.D. at the voting booth. Most civil and legal transactions require, or soon will, such ID for daily transactions. The current illegal population and the history of voter fraud charges by legal citizens demand this protection. Robert Mason
Mr. mitch massie	goldston	I cannot make it to Raleigh today, but as a citizen of North Carolina I strongly erge you to vote for proper ID in order to vote. If were legal citizens then this would be no problem. Only illegals (which the Dems count on) would be not allowed to vote. I should know, I work with them every day, illegals I mean.
Ms. Dorothy Mathews	Rural Hall	First the number of jobs is reduced so that, from the lower middle class down the economic spectrum, people have no work and therefore no money. Their lives are disrupted as they have to move from place to place when they can't pay rent, deal with illness when they can't pay for medicine and stand in lines in order to get food. Then we decide to charge them for the most basic American right - the right to vote. When you can't get the money for food, where will you get the money for a photo id.
Ms. Deborah Maxwell	Wilmington	I am opposed to the proposed Voter ID bill. We are in crisis on so many other fronts as a state and nation. This is a waste of time. Do the number of violations that have occurred warrant the passage of this bill? NO!! We need to progress not regress into suppressive and oppressive measures such as this bill.
tracey maxwell	winston-salem	Dear Committee ~ i want you to know that both my husband and I do not agree with the entire concept of requiring photo IDs to vote. We ask that you do not go any further with this idea. It is an abomination and anyone who supports it has no idea of American history or the fundamentals that underlie our democracy. WE SAY NO to requiring photo IDS for voters!

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		Tracey and Ken Maxwell
Mrs. Rhonda Mayer	Hobgood	I strongly support voter ID requirements to ensure the integrity of our elections. While I understand that some people feel this discriminates against the poor, I believe that the poor are no less capable of obtaining a photo ID than others. I think everyone should be part of our political system, but with the right to vote comes the responsibility of taking that right seriously and fulfilling minimal requirements to ensure the lack of fraud, which has become rampant.
Mr. Scott McAllister	Raleigh	I cannot think of a single legitimate reason why you would not require somebody to prove who they say they are when they vote. The only reason to not require it is to make fraud easier. Please support this most basic of measures to preserve the foundations a democratic republic.
Mrs. Mary Ann McCarthy	Southport	I fully support government issued id's required in order to cast a vote in NC. As a volunteer poll observer during the 2010 election, I volunteered 20+ hours of my time. I attended the required training for all poll observers however once I was on site at the precinct, it appeared as though the poll workers had a different set of rules from the rules that I was taught. I observed poll workers helping voters remember where they lived, what their date of birth was and even helped one woman remember her name. One voter complained of a problem with the machine since it repeatedly would not record all of his votes. He was made to feel like he was stupid and told to go to headquarters if he wanted to file a complaint. One benefit to the citizens of NC to requiring government issued photo ids is that when some can't remember their names or their addresses, they will have verification readily handy. I appreciate the opportunity to tell you why I support Government Issued Voter ID Requirement. Please stand strong and support the will of 83% of North Carolinians.
Ms. Joyce McCloy	Winston Salem	<p>I humbly ask the committee to advise exactly how our poll workers would verify that photo ID presented is valid. How would you know a fake ID from a valid one?</p> <p>I have researched the issue. Below is my commentary published in the Raleigh News and Observer:</p> <p>Photo ID's downsides for voting</p> <p>BY JOYCE MCCLOY Tags: news opinion - editorial point of view</p> <p>WINSTON-SALEM -- Requiring voters to present a photo ID at the polls sounds like a good idea - but it is everything we hate about government: a complex and expensive nonsolution to a problem that doesn't exist.</p> <p>To implement such a law would cost millions each year, would likely disenfranchise tens of thousands of voters - especially women, the elderly and minorities - and would not prevent fraud that it is designed to stop. Now the issue is coming to a head in North Carolina: The House Elections Committee is scheduled to take public comments on photo ID at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Room 643 of the Legislative Office Building in Raleigh.</p> <p>At issue is not "voter ID" but rather the matter of imposing photo ID restrictions at the polling place. There's no problem, in general, with "voter ID," providing that there are many options for establishing identity, as there are in Alabama and Missouri, where many types of documents suffice.</p> <p>Currently 18 states require "voter ID," and eight states require "photo ID." These eight states, however, do not have a way to verify the ID. Someone determined to commit voter impersonation could simply use a fake ID. Obtaining fake ID cards is easy enough - kits can be bought cheaply. In reality, the most common and difficult to detect voter fraud happens in absentee balloting. Requiring picture IDs on Election Day does nothing to prevent that.</p> <p>Legislators who wish to pursue photo ID requirements for voting must ensure that the law provides for free photo IDs and ensures that IDs are reasonably accessible to all eligible voters. The law must include sufficient voter education, outreach programs and poll worker training.</p> <p>Up to a million voters may lack a state-issued ID. In February, our state Board of Elections cross-checked voter registration and driver's license databases to determine how many current voters might need to obtain a photo ID card to vote. The DMV records were compared with the 6,104,976 voters currently registered to vote in North Carolina.</p> <p>Gary Bartlett, executive director of the Board of Elections, found that there were 1,005,581 voter records that did not have an exact match with the DMV records or for which there is no known record of a DMV-issued ID.</p> <p>The Brennan Center for Justice cites three basic principles that must be satisfied to avoid a constitutional challenge of any photo ID law:</p> <p>First, photo IDs sufficient for voting must be available free for all those who do not have them. States cannot limit free IDs to those who swear they are indigent. North Carolina would need to pay the costs of obtaining the supporting documents necessary to obtain photo IDs.</p> <p>Second, photo IDs must be readily accessible to all voters, without undue burden. To make ID easily accessible, our state might have to expand the number of ID-issuing offices and extend their operating hours.</p>

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		<p>Third, states must undertake substantial voter outreach and public education efforts to ensure that voters are apprised of the law's requirements and the procedures for obtaining the IDs they will need to vote.</p> <p>Those who believe requiring voter ID as a method of preventing noncitizens from voting are also mistaken. Researching the registrations of new voters by Boards of Elections is the best way to accomplish this goal, as evidenced by the state Board of Elections' recent discovery of 637 legal aliens who had mistakenly registered to vote.</p> <p>Currently, first-time voters who have registered by mail have to present similar identification to that required to obtain a driver's license. As well, all voters are asked their names and addresses when presenting themselves to vote. A far less costly means of improving security would be to add an additional question or two, like date of birth.</p> <p>Photo ID may be a well-intentioned idea, but it is expensive "security theater" that will disenfranchise far more voters than any fraud it will prevent. Joyce McCloy is director of the N.C. Coalition for Verified Voting.</p> <p>http://www.newsobserver.com/2011/03/12/1045800/photo-ids-downsides-for-voting.html</p>
Mrs. Laura McCue	Arden	Absolutely, knowing that we are experiencing much voter fraud these days, we should require voter id that is proof of citizenship. No question that we must keep our voting process honorable in order for voters to take it seriously. It's not as if we do not know how to do it correctly.
Ms. Nancy McCullough	Wilmington	This is anti-democratic (small D)and tantamount to a poll tax. Even if they are disabled, elderly, or too poor to have a car and drivers license, citizens deserve a right to vote. It is their only voice in a state awash in big contributions from wealthy people. How on earth can you support this when there is little evidence of voter fraud, and when enforcement costs will only add to the budget? This is wrong, wrong, wrong.
Mr. Jon McDonald	Sanford	I must show ID to validate who I am for almost any serious transaction, but to vote for the the leader of the free world or other elected representatives I do not. Most other progressive states require a form of ID. It is time for North Carolina to put confidence back into our elections.
Ms. Lezley McDouall	Durham	<p>I am against voter photo ID requirements for 4 reasons: 1) Voter fraud is much less common than vote fraud, and yet implementing preventative measures against vote fraud was rejected as being too expensive and inconvenient. 2) This requirement would require an expense of millions of dollars and create great inconvenience in order to avoid unconstitutionality. If vote fraud measures were rejected as too expensive and inconvenient, this certainly is as well! 3) This requirement will disenfranchise elderly and low-income voters who may not have or be able to find a photo ID. 4) I work elections for the Durham BOA, and I know what a mess this requirement would make of our highly successful one-stop voting system, which has greatly increased turnout %'s in Durham County.</p> <p>Please, do NOT allow the irrational fears of xenophobes to suppress North Carolina's voter participation. They may be loud, but they don't have logic on their side. Hold steady, and affirm every North Carolinian resident's right to a poll-tax-free vote.</p>
Mabel McElhaney	Hillsborough	Aside from being a blatant attempt to deter certain citizens from exercising their right to vote, Voter Photo ID would squander twenty million dollars on preventing an imaginary problem. Actual voter fraud is historically so rare as to be virtually nonexistent. The Committee should not waste their time on such a malign and irresponsible proposal.
Mr. H.B. McGregor	Clyde	Thumb print & Photo required on a voter card that has been verified as to a citizen and is not a felon.
Mr. Willie McIntosh	Lawndale	I am against the Voter ID Requirements
Mrs. Patty McIver	Clayton	I am very much in favor of photo ID to vote. I feel very strongly that this country has reached a point where voters need to be watched very closely or there are many people voting that are not qualified to vote. There are no morals left in a good amount of people who will do anything to get their candidate into office.
Ms. Yvonne McJetters	Charlotte	As a minister, community supporter and U.S. Military veteran, I am actively involved with many organizations that support homelessness and many homeless persons in my community happen to be veterans, who honorably served this country. I humbly beseech you to reconsider your decision to vote to require everyone to provide photo I.D when they vote. I personally can provide this information; but there are so many people that are chronically homeless and can barely keep a clean shirt on their back let alone keeping up with their personal identification. In spite of their situation they are still Americans and should not be denied their human dignity and democratic right to vote. I look forward to your response and thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.
Mr. Lyndon McKee	Cullowhee	It is obvious that the backers of this repugnant idea are more interested in disenfranchising Democrats than in protecting our democracy. Shameful and hypocritical! This is a partisan solution to a problem that does not exist. We cannot afford to waste precious tax dollars on this political scheme.

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Mr. Daniel McKelvey	Greensboro	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I wanted to comment on the aforementioned upcoming bill, "Voter ID." I understand the argument in having less fraud in our Elections, and I am excited to see a want for change for a better quality system. I do not like the price tag and the voters that will be disenfranchised if this bill is to be passed, with strict ID laws. Our Voter fraud in North Carolina is no where near a problem that we need to fix it with 20 million dollars, and also it is not great enough to disenfranchise some potential voters. I hope we can look at other ways that are fair to all current voters and not put such a price tag on NC tax payers, like me and you, as we are already cutting the budget so heavily.</p> <p>Thank You.</p>
Mr. David McKinster	Charlotte	Requiring a photo ID is a bad idea and it is expensive. Disenfranchisement of up to a million potential voters is simply not acceptable.
Ms. Hope McLean	Greensboro	I strongly oppose the attempt to change the current state requirements for voting. We should be doing all we can to increase, not restrict, the number of people who participate in the election process.
Dr. Arthur Mcmillan	greenville	<p>I volunteered during the last election for the first time and was dismayed at the abuse of the system that is currently permitted by this state. IF someone simply knows the name and address of a registered voter they can show up and claim to be that person and vote . I watched proudly as World War 2 veterans and their wives limped out of their cars with great effort to cast there vote. I was equally diheartened when a van full of obvious entitlement seeking individuals arrived and were handed "sample ballots" telling them how to vote. I overheard conversations within this group which indicated that fraud was beeing perpetrated but there was no way to prove it because vocal identification is all that is required and they were driven by a free bus and did not have to have a driver license. Please use some common sense in this state and stop this abuse of our right to vote.</p> <p>Sincerely, Arthur S. McMillan Jr.,D.V.M.,M.S.</p>
jere mcmillan	southport	we say NO!!! to voter id requirement
Ms. Marilyn Meares	Wilmington	Perhaps there is a good reason for suggesting picture IDs for voters. The reason for not implementing this idea is so strong that it really over powers any argument for it. Requiring picture IDs will in effect eliminate large sectors of our voting population from being able to exercise its constitutional right to vote. As hard as it may be to imagine, there are many (especially inner city) voters who do not have driver's licenses or passports - the two government issued IDs that I can think of. The elderly, the disabled and the poor come to mind. Of course this then spills over into the racial issue and begins to look like disfranchisement. As a NC voter I do not support this.
Mrs. Carol Medeiros	Kill Devil Hills	We need legal photo ID in order to vote in North Carolina. There is so much corruption in our all of our forms of governments this will help weed out some people that should not be voted in and some legislation that should not be put in place.
Mr. Manuel Medeiros	Kill Devil Hills	This is a long overdue no-brainer. We should get on with it to avoid ACORN type corruption that is evident all over our country in past elections.
Mr. Ed Meilus	Raleigh	<p>To Whom it may concern,,</p> <p>We NEED Voter ID's. We have an ID to drive, to get medical help, for banking, ID's for many PUBLIC and provate employees. ID's to cash checks have NO bearing on your income level. Another words, it dows not matter if you qualify for welfare or not, you still need an ID to cash a check, buy a house, get something notarized.It should NOT matter that the State of NC requires a Voter ID. Voting is one of the most basic and wonderful rights we have as Americans. We need to make sure that everyone gets ONE vote and One vote only. There have been too many instances of suspected voter fraud. A voter ID card would solve this issue.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Ed Meilus</p>
Dr. John Mendez	Kernersville	I am writing to persuade you to oppose this bill. Its predicated on ulterior motives designed to hurt a targeted group of people. It is shot through with all kinds of prejudice and discrimination. That makes it immoral and wrong. It is unnecessary to waste this energy on something as trivial as this. There are plenty of more important needs in this state that need addressing. Nothing good can come out of this. I urge you to oppose this bill and work at trying to unite this state rather than divide it. John Mendez
Mr. Gary Mercer	Beaufort	I support the requirement that voters provide proper identification prior to voting. I have to produce my identification and must confirm my place of residence in order to obtain a ballot. Take action to see that every voter follows the same rules.
Beth Messersmith	Durham	While I can't make it to the hearing tomorrow, I want you to know that I strongly oppose requiring photo ID to vote. This is a solution in search of a problem. Voter fraud is not something we see occuring in North Carolina and certainly not on the kind of scale that would merit this type of response.

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		This legislation would in fact disenfranchise many long-time voters and taxpaying citizens. Our senior citizens treasure their right to vote and taking that away simply because they have made a responsible decision not to drive and have given up their drivers' licenses seems un-American and disrespectful. With so many real and pressing issues like job creation and the budget, it seems wrong to me to be wasting time on a bill which will hurt some of state's most loyal citizens and voters.
Mrs. Lucia Messina	Wilmington	This bill is not needed, it will cost thousands of dollars, that we in NC do not have. If we can pay for this bill, then there should be no cuts to education, healthcare, the arts or anything else. This is nothing more than an attempt to deny citizens the right to vote. Democracy is not served well by this bill.
Mr. STEVEN MICHAUD	BURLINGTON	I FOR ONE HAVE NOT UNDERSTOOD HOW IT IS THAT A PHOTO ID,IS NOT REQUIRED WHEN VOTING. IT IS A SMALL THING YET I BELEAVE VERY IMPORTANT . HOW CAN WE HAVE FAITH IN OUR GOVERNMENT,AND VOTING SYSTEM IF EFFORTS ARE'NT UNDER TAKEN TO VERIFY AN INDIVIDUALS RIGHT TO VOTE? I ALSO BELEAVE ENGLISH SHOULD BE THE ONLY LANGUAGE USED IN VOTING ,I THOUGHT THAT ,AND WAS TAUGHT THAT TO GET CITIZENSHIP ONE HAD TO ,HAVE A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE
Mr. Lewis Miles	Chapel Hill	Please stop photo ID requirement bill as there is no need for this in North Carolina. Legitimate voter identification has not been a problem. So why make it more difficult for minority voters, elderly voters, and poor voters to register their votes? This is undemocratic and will make voting like a poll tax to exclude people who not know about such a requirement in time to vote
Margaret Miles	Chapel Hill	Do NOT approve voter ID requirements. This is an unneeded bill as voter fraud this has not been a problem. It disenfranchises the poor, rural, minorities and the elderly and others who will not be able to vote. This is not democratic. In addition, it will cost money at a time when we need public money for essential items.
Dr. Sharon Mills	Hendersonville	Please stop spending our money on useless gimmicks to suppress the vote. We the people would like to see you doing something about jobs and health care. We would also like to see some action on bettering public education. I was at the DMV last week and the employee could barely read and had no clue about speaking properly (grammer). Are you satisfied that requiring ID to vote would help in any of these important issues? Please stop wasting your time and our money.
Mr. Carl Mischka	New Bern	Since moving to North Carolina in 2006 I have been very bothered by the lack of positive identification required on voters. I understand that the opponents to this matter say that photo ID's cost money and will be an undue burden on the poor. I disagree...doesn't the State and Federal Government require positive ID for Food Stamps, low cost housing and other relief programs? If not, the system is REALLY broken and ripe for fraud. Voting is a privilage and I think that requiring governemnt issued idnetifications is the first step in reforming our election process and to eliminate the spector of voter fraud that seems to be easily committed. Thank you.
Ms. Tenita Mitchell	Willow Springs	Protect my right to vote by requiring ID. Any requirement is better than our current policy. My vote is mine. Ineligible votes are to be minimized by using common sense. It takes more to use a credit card than to protect our voting system.
Mrs. Kristina Moe	Franklin	As a registered voter, I want to express my opposition to voter ID requirements. Thank you.
Mr. Dave Molinaro	Charlotte	Dear Voter ID Committee, I appreciate your concern about voter integrity and trust in government. I, however, think that we have enought voter integrity to last us for a long, long time. Therefore, we do not need your energies and my tax dollars wasted in developing, implementing and maintaining additional voter ID legislation. If you are interested in restoring trust in government, do not begin by obstructing the right of thousands of citizens to vote. If you are interested in restoring trust in government, do not be led by anecdotal stories of voter fraud but, rather, be guided by the hard evidence, produced by our own state employees, that clearly shows that such fraud is almost non-existant. If you wish to restore trust in government, then spend my money on something useful like education. Don't waste it on this tomfoolery. Sincerely, Dave Molinaro
Mr. Gerald Montgomery	Pinehurst	I support voter id requirements, especially a photo voter id. It is not dicriminary and it does not have to cost a lot to implement. The voter registration offices already issue voter registration cards and it could just as easily issue photo voter registration cards for all new issued cards. For those alreading holding voter registration cards they could be issued new ones when they go to vote. Thanks for considering my thoughts. Regards, Gerald Montgomery. Pinehurst.
Mr. Cliff Moone	Kickory	To those of you going to Raleigh Tuesday: Know that there are lots of us who stand in solidarity with you against this new form of voter suppression. This is in essence a new form of a poll tax designed to disenfranchise the poor and the minorities in our state. There is no evidence of significant voter fraud that makes this act necessary. Republicans believe in democracy for the wealthy, democracy for business, but not for the poor or people of color. Fight the disenfranchising of the people, for believe me, this is only the beginning.
Ms. Jacqueline Moore		Will we be able to use our current drivers' license (a photo ID) or will we have to obtain a new federal photo ID with the inbedded chip of our PERSONAL information. I am aware that Verichip (which first chipped dogs) has perfected the Identification chip to implant into humans with ALL of our information, medical, financial etc. I see this as the first step...some see it as a prophetic sign of the end times which speaks about not being able to buy or sale unless you have a mark in your hand or in your forehead. I'm not religious, but this is beginning to look too much like the scripture. We are

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		already losing our security...look at our borders! What a joke...look how national security info. is "leaked" to the NY Times and printed for all of our enemies to see. Look how we are becoming indebted to our enemies and turning our backs on our friends. I think if a grocery store can ask for a photo id to cash a check or for someone to use food stamps (now like a credit card), then why is it so unreasonable to expect our citizens to use the photo id they already have to use when they vote? To say it disenfranchises minorities is to say that minorities are stupid. It's demeaning and invasive.
Dr. Michael Moore	Boone	This proposal addresses a non-problem of voter fraud. The Forsythe Elections Board just recently concluded a survey of the recent election and found no case of voter fraud, and similar surveys by other elections boards have found that fraud is almost non-existent. The proposal spends state money on picture identification cards that many will not apply for and that create unnecessary burdens on those who want to vote--especially young people.
Mr. John Moorefield	Statesville	yes to the ID to vote, because I only get 1 vote.
Mr. Brad Morello	Waynesville	Good Morning, A legal citizen in good standing has the right to vote and personally represent themselves in person or by absentee ballot. It is also that persons right to exercise or not exercise that right. Who in the polling place knows it's really me voting or not. If I was sick or in the hospital, and someone wanted to vote my place without my permission and just showed up as me and knew my address, they could vote for me. If I go to an unfamiliar bank branch, they are going to make sure it is me and not someone else. It would make sense that an ID of some recognizable form be used to show that not only are you still living in the same polling district as not to effect the outcome. But that you are that person. I am a firm believer in a person being accountable for ones actions and ID makes sense. Thanks for the opportunity to comment Brad
Mrs. Patricia Morgan	Weaverville	Thank you for the opportunity to make a comment online. We are far away from Raleigh. The requirement of Voter ID in order to vote is insulting, and expensive. To many people come to vote to learn their Board of Election has split their voting place and they are upset of not knowint of the change. I feel this requirement would see fewer people voting and this is already a problem, low turnout.
Mrs. Lisa Morrell	Raleigh	Voter ID requirements would put an undue burden on the poor in our state and would only serve to disenfranchise many people- especially those without means. There has never been any allegation or proof of voter fraud in our nation and passing this law would run counter to our Democratic ideals. I am strongly against this law. Sincerely, Lisa Morrell
Mr. Ken Morris	Southport	I strongly object to requiring a photo ID to vote. This bill is an expensive solution in search of a problem! If the sponsors can show me that there has been more than a couple dozen cases of proven voter fraud in either of the last two elections, or if there has been enough to influence the outcome of any race in the state, I will withdraw my objection. Otherwise save the state a lot of money and reject this proposed ID law.
Mrs. Jo Ann Mount	Winston-Salem	This proposal is simply a move to disenfranchise seniors, minorities, and the poor who are most likely the ones who do not have a valid photo ID. Most of those supporting this measure were elected on promises to provide jobs & cut spending. I find it amazing that they are willing to promote a measure that will cost millions at a time when they are proposing to slash money for education. This is an outrage!
Dr. John Mueller	Winston Salem	Do not require photo I. Ds for voter registration. It will be expensive, cost millions, and still not insure avoiding faked I. Ds. it will disfranchise anyone who doesn't have a drivers license and others who can't afford to have a photo made. Voter NO.
Mrs. Corinne Mullis	Hubert	I believe there's more voter fraud than is being reported and think the time has come for all voters to be required to show a picture ID before voting. It is the fair thing to do and will stop a lot of the problems between parties on election day. I think people are fed up with the way voter registration and voting are run and it's time to make this change to keep illegals, etc from voting illegally.
Mr. ray munn	nebo	Please end the pay-to-play politics in North Carolina. Common sense say that every voter should have a valid photo ID. Lets end the corruption in politics. STOP THE SHAMEFUL SPENDING. DEFUND: Dept of Enviros
Mrs. Kathleen Murray	Durham	Voter ID requirement would be an unnecessary expense for a non-existent problem. We can't afford it right now. I thought the new legislature was going to work on balancing the budget and creating jobs. Why are you wasting time on this? We don't need any more government bureaucracies creating identification cards for Americans. Get to work on important things.
Mr. Mark Myers	Hendersonville	Gentlemen, I strongly urge adoption of measures to confirm voters are legally able to vote in NC. Photo ID is an excellent start. Other measures including confirming legal US residence are also desirable. Sincerely, Mark Myers

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Dr. Steven A. Myers	Raleigh	Voter ID should be a requirement to participate in any voting agenda!
Mr. Richard Nadolny	Pittsboro	This bill addresses a non-issue (voter fraud in NC) and in the process serves to disenfranchise some young, old and infirm voters. If one has met the initial requirements to register to vote, no further burden should be required. To potentially disallow the votes of more than 400,000 North Carolinians is reprehensible.
Ms. Alice Naylor	Zionville	To MY legislators: Where do you get such outrageous ideas -- requiring voters to show special ID's? Stop now. You can't get re-elected pulling off crazy ideas like this. apn
Mr. Joseph Nesbit	Reidsville	All potential voters should be required to produce valid identification that clearly shows they are a resident of the state, either a driver's license or state issued id card. Numbers assigned to the identification should be crossed checked in a data base to ensure they are valid.
Mrs. Barbara Nettesheim	Chapel Hill	I have worked as a judge in the Kings Mill Precinct of Chapel Hill and am, since moving to Carol Woods, the chief judge in the Weaver Dairy Satellite in Chapel Hill. We never had, in my recollection, in either of the precincts any problems with people voting that were not registered or could not be verified to be allowed to vote. People were told, after ascertaining their proper voting place, where they needed go to vote or else were allowed to vote a provisional ballot, which goes int a special, sealed envelope that goes only to the BOE (does NOT get voted in the precinct), where a decision is made whether or not this specific person's ballet can be counted. We have an excellent and up to date Voter Registry from our Orange County Board of Elections. We have current information on absentee voting from the BOE delivered by a sheriff, and we have instant access to talk with employees of the BOE with any questions that may arise e.g. if someone has moved into or out of a precinct. There is no possibility of anyone voting that is not listed or has not been verified as to his/ her right to vote in our districts in Orange County. There is no need for a Voter Identification Card. Barbara Nettesheim
Mr. Jesse Newman	Greenville	We strongly support requiring photo IDs to vote. We question the motives of opponents of such a requirement to prevent voter fraud.
Dr. Suzanne Newsome	Lewisville	The Republicans are proposing to fix a problem that doesn't exist which raises RED FLAGS! This has nothing to do with anything except trying to keep people who will vote Democratic from voting. So obvious! Why don't the Republicans do something necessary and useful for North Carolina and focus on jobs?
Ms. Mary Nguyen	Cary	Voting is a cornerstone of our system of government. Every time this is compromised, our government is compromised. Thus, it is essential the people voting in a district (county, municipality etc.)are U.S. citizens with the right to do so (they live there LEGALLY and can prove it). Proof positive with a photo ID is simply one step toward preserving our state and our country.
Marianne Nicholson	Carrboro	A totally unnecessary law that will cause real hardship to senior citizens, non-drivers, and low income citizens. A complete overreaction to a non problem. Smacks of the "poll taxes" that were common during ealier times. Has NC not progressed any at all? I fear not.
Mary Noble	Halifax	I believe every voter should have photo ID to vote. This will cut down on voter fraud and renew voter confidence in the accuracy of election outcomes.
Mrs. Hope Norris	Raleigh	Photo IDs are a normal part of life and doing business in today's world. Adding a requirement to the voting process would be a very logical way to reduce the instances and/or temptation of obtaining and submitting ballots under false pretenses. I think photo proof of identification should be a requirement for voting.
Mr. Gary Norton	Southport	It is essential to initiate voter ID requirements to protect the integrity of the American voting process.
Mrs. Kelly Noxon	Wilmington	I definitely feel that we should be required to show an ID to vote. The federal government requires potential employees to provide a photo id within 3 days of employment. Most residents have a photo id or can get one quite easily if they want to vote.
Mrs. Sara Nutter	Winston-Salem	Voter ID legislation attacks a non existant problem--voter fraud--and ignores the most important issue for North Carolinians, jobs. Why would the legislature want to discourage voting? Please drop this nonsense and get to work on the issues you were elected to address; jobs and the economy.
Ms. Susan Oehler	Asheville	Anyone who thinks there is a problem with fraudulent voting in NC elections NEEDS TO GO WORK AT THE POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY. I did, and I could see the safeguards in place. I could see that the safeguards ARE WORKING. For starters, most of the people who came in were recognized by one of the poll workers BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR NEIGHBORS. Secondly, the database accurately flagged those elderly neighbors

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		<p>of mine who had passed away in the prior couple of months. Thirdly, everyone signs a statement that says that they are who they say they are -- and if they are lying and get caught, they will face the consequences.</p> <p>STOP THIS STUPID BILL FOR PICTURE IDS NOW!</p> <p>The state needs the money for important things like health, education, environmental protection and JOB CREATION. We do not need a useless expensive bill that will solve NOTHING except make it harder for non-drivers to vote! The goal of all TRUE AMERICANS is to get ALL ADULTS to vote who possibly can, not make it harder on them so that they don't participate in their democracy.</p>
Dr. Tema Okun	Durham	<p>Requiring government issued voter ID is an unnecessary and restrictive practice; we should be doing everything in our power to ENCOURAGE people to vote, not to discourage them. Our voting numbers are already abysmally low. The only reason for introducing legislation like this is to disenfranchise voters. If we are the democracy we say we are, why are we in the business of limiting who votes? I say NO to this terrible bill.</p>
Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neill	Four Oaks	<p>I agree that voter identification requirements are a good idea.</p>
Dr. Kenneth Ostberg	Winston Salem	<p>This bill is entirely for political purposes; to disenfranchise the elderly and the poor, who often vote for Democrats. There is no evidence of voter fraud, despite Republican witch hunts across the country in the last 3 election cycles, so this requirement will cause us to spend millions to "solve" a non-problem and will disenfranchise many legal voters.</p>
Mrs. Maxine Ouellette	Williamston	<p>Because of voter fraud, I think a required photo ID is a good idea. People don't seem to take issue with having to pay for a driver's license photo. What is the big deal about voter photo id? My husband and I have worked at the local polls and have wondered about some situations. I think the photo id would help some.</p> <p>Maxine Ouellette</p>
Dr. Ann Pace	Boone	<p>The 24th Amendment to the US Constitution, which officially abolished a poll tax or anything similar, was ratified in 1964, although North Carolina didn't approve it until 1989. Now, we are seeing the Republican majority in the NC legislature propose legislation which, despite this Constitutional prohibition, effectively reimpose the poll tax.</p> <p>The legislation in question ostensibly is being proposed to protect against voter fraud. However, nationally and within N.C., very, very few instances of voter fraud have actually been proven and prosecuted. There are several and much cheaper methods that can be used to reduce voter fraud, beginning with upgrading and improving the voting process, such has been done in Watauga County.</p> <p>Many sources argue that the real reason for this effort is to prevent citizens who usually vote Democratic from being able to vote. They may, indeed, be correct, however much I would like to believe the contrary. This is not cynical. Evidence tends to support this view.</p> <p>There are several groups that would be hurt, and probably disenfranchised, by this measure. The one receiving the most attention is college students who wish to vote where they go to school rather than where their parents live. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled back in 1979 that college students have the right to vote where they attend college. However, despite this right, the proposed legislation will make it difficult to do so.</p> <p>However, college students are not the only citizens who would be affected. Others, very importantly, would be the elderly, the poor, and minorities, primarily because they are more likely than majority middle-class people to have drivers' licenses or other state-issued IDs. The big problem with the proposed legislation is that it requires such people to obtain state validated forms of identification, such as birth certificates, in order to obtain Voter IDs.</p> <p>There are several major problems with this requirement. First, it may not only be difficult and time-consuming for people to obtain such documents, it may even be impossible. One person I know has parents in their nineties, who have voted regularly. However, their birth records no longer exist.</p> <p>Also, it is increasingly expensive to obtain the kind of documents required for registration. Recent federal court decisions have stated that such expenses could be the equivalent of a poll tax, since they impose a monetary requirement on voting. To avoid this, states have said they would absorb such costs; North Carolina is one.</p> <p>However, not only does the process of obtaining the required documentation take time, time which could prevent persons involved from voting in elections before such papers were received. State payment would also be excessively expensive, amounting to several million dollars. I can not fathom the hypocrisy of those who say that the state must cut expenses drastically while, at the same time, endorsing legislation that would impose such a sizeable financial burden on the state.</p> <p>All in all, I am convinced that the proposed legislation is discriminatory, and, overall, a serious and thoughtless mistake.</p>
Dr. Ann Pace	Boone	<p>I submitted comments the other day but just discovered that I had included the wrong word in one critical sentence. I wrote: "Others, very importantly, would be the elderly, the poor, and minorities, primarily because they are MORE likely than majority middle-class people to have drivers' licenses or other state-issued IDs."</p>

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		<p>What I meant to say there, of course, was "...primarily because they are LESS likely...,etc."</p> <p>I don't know whether or not this can be changed, but, if so, I'd appreciate it.</p>
Anne Paisley	Winston-Salem	This is a foolish, expensive and bigoted piece of legislation. We are better than this!
Mr. Robert Palombo	Southern Shores	It is abhorrent that Republicans need to manipulate the voting process by adding ridiculous requirements because they cannot win legitimately through ideas and ideals. Keep in mind that the American public that does not jump up and down on street corners and maintains decorum, is not going to tolerate the Republican moves to control lives. Be aware that there are many intelligent individuals who will rise up and defeat your attempts to twist democracy. Shame on you.
Mr. William E. Parkerson	Greensboro	<p>I hereby request that you support and approve requirement of a valid voter photo ID to qualify to vote in NC.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>William E. Parkerson</p>
Mr. FRANCIS PAYNE	MIDLAND	I AM A 69 YEARS OLD DISABLED VET. I AMD ASKED A PICTURED ID. ALOT OF TIMES AND I DON'T MIND BECAUSE THE WAY THIS COUNTRY IS TODAY. WE HAVE SO MANY ILLEGAL PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE JUST LET THEM DO WHAT THEY WANT.WELL IF PEOPLE WANT TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY THEY SHOULD DO I LEGALY AND SHOULD NOT GET EVERYTHING FREE.EVERYONE THAT VOTES SHOULD HAVE TO SHOW A ID WITH THEIR PICTURE ON IT OR THEY CAN NOT VOTE I DON'T CARE WHO THEY ARE OR WHERE THEY ARE FROM. I VOTE YES TO REQRERING ID WITH THEIR PICTURE ON IT. WITHOUT A PICTURE YOU STILL DON'T KNOW THE ID IS THEIRS.
Mr. James Paynter	Hendersonville	Do the right thing and you will always have the backing of the GOOD people.
Mrs. Poling Payton	Wake Forest	I would require one more thing, ie, credit card/debit card with the photo ID.
Mr. Michael Pearlmutter	Durham	I submit these comments in opposition to the Voter Identification Bill. The bill is designed to disenfranchise potential voters, cost the State of North Carolina significantly, and solve a problem that has not been proven to exist. Supporters of the bill say that voter fraud is a significant problem, but I challenge them to find any credible claims of voter fraud that is not already caught and prosecuted. The literature simply does not provide any evidence of this problem. What credible evidence exists provides details on the reduction in voter participation rates, specifically low income, young and elderly, and minority voters. For the cost of this bill, up to \$20 million per year in enforcement, and utilizing the available literature, this bill would cost over \$1.1 million per individual case of voter fraud and would disenfranchise 1 voter for every \$50 spent in enforcement. For these reasons, I strongly recommend a "no" vote.
Ms. Christy Perrin	Cary	There is no reason to make it harder for citizens of NC to vote! Requiring photo ID to vote is like taking a sledgehammer to fix a pair of bent eyeglasses. It will do more harm than good by weeding out the voters who are already more likely to be disenfranchised- the poor and the elderly. Poor voter turn-out is a much bigger problem than any minimal amounts of voter fraud happening. Do NOT make it harder for citizens to vote.
Jerald Peterson	Garner	A valid state or federal government photo ID should be required to vote. Those who cannot provide an id are wanted by the law, owe money to someone, or are voting somewhere else also. One vetted person, one legal vote, no dead people allowed. P
Mr. Kyle Peterson	Green Mountain	<p>I will fully support a bill that requires photo ID to vote. If one must show ID to buy Robitussin or an M-rated video game, then why does one NOT currently have to show ID in order to do something as important as voting? Voter fraud is a REAL and SERIOUS issue, and being required to show photo ID to vote is a simple and effective way to combat this.</p> <p>Any allegations that such a law would be unconstitutional would surely fall flat.</p>
Dean Phillips	Topsail Beach	The last two times I voted the lady at the desk asked me for my name. She then asked me if I lived at the address where I live. When i said yes, she then said "Dean Phillips is a lawfully registered voter in the state of NC and he can now vote." She did not ask for ID or anything. Anybody could have gone in there and voted in my place, and this needs to be changed immediately. I cannot believe that we allow people to vote without properly identifying themselves first.
Mr. George Phillips	Winston-Salem	Please pass this very important legislation. The integrity of our voting process is essential. I sincerely encourage you to pass this bill and strictly enforced it.
Mr. Ronald Phillips	Clyde	I think it would be a good thing to have people prove who they are when they vote.We must remember, many illegals have drivers license.

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Mrs. Susan Phipps	Boone	Please defeat this unnecessary bill. There is virtually NO voter fraud in North Carolina, so why would anyone choose to bring up a bill that solves no existing problem? The money this bill would cost would be MUCH better spent in areas of critical need during this time of massive budget shortfalls. Let's fund quality education which can create a better tomorrow for our state instead of disenfranchising NC citizens who have every right to vote. (I have found that proposals that make no sense are very often up to no good, and this bill is a prime example.)
Ms. Beth Pickering	Charlotte	I strongly OPPOSE this Voter ID bill. We want to make it EASIER for all people to vote, not more difficult. This is a thinly veiled tactic to suppress the vote of folks who typically vote Democratic. We want MORE people to vote, not fewer people. OPPOSE THIS BILL!
Mrs. Deborah Piercy	Fletcher	yes to photo id at elections
Mr. Jim Pifer	Raleigh	The fact that we do not currently have a requirement to present a legitimate ID in order to vote is incomprehensible to me. Voting is among our most sacred rights in this country and it is common sense to me that the rights of the majority should be protected from voter fraud in spite of the silly notion that a few will be disenfranchised. The fact that some bring up the notion of disenfranchisement is an indication that there are some out there with nefarious thoughts of actually committing voter fraud. It is a fact that voter fraud is committed by thousands of votes every year and not much is done to counter the fraud. Yet, personal ID theft is rampant in this country and we do little about voter fraud. There seems to be a disconnect when it comes to the notion of voter fraud. The time has come in North Carolina to implement a voter ID law. It may not stop voter fraud entirely but a voter ID law is a good place to start. No NC voter should have to worry while standing in line to vote if someone has been there before them and voted fraudulently in their place.
Ms. Leslie Pinckney	Raleigh	I am against the proposed voter id requirements. The system we have in place is fine and allows for NC residents to vote their conscience. I feel that the proposed photo id requirements may hinder eligible residents from voting. Leave our current voter policies in place and focus on creating jobs in this state. Thank you Leslie Pinckney
Mr. Harold Ping	Southport	With the lack om civility and moral responsibility 'I feel it is necessary for all voters to provide a photo ID when voting. Every one at this time must have a photo ID in order to meet all civic and welfare benefits.
Mr. Joseph Pirozzi	Raleigh	I am a strong proponent of requiring proper Photo ID for voters. As a free country, voting is one of the most important privileges of an American citizen and must not be compromised. Equally as important, in an effort to prevent error or fraud, is certification of the voter to ensure he/she is the specific individual being represented. There is not one legitimate reason why we should not be required to show proper photo identification prior to casting a vote. For those who don't have proper Photo ID, i.e. Driver's License, the State can provide an acceptable 'voter ID card' in it's place. The outcome of an election has a significant and direct impact on the direction of our State/Country and we MUST NOT allow the possibility of error or fraud influence it in any way. One fraudulent vote is one too may!
Mrs. Bonnie Poindexter	Winston-Salem	This bill is unnecessary and designed to disenfranchise those people in this nation who most need to believe in the dream of a free country. This reminds me of prohibition and the poll tax. It is regressive. It is unnecessary and designed to reduce the participation of Democratic voters throughout the Nation. Use your time on REAL problems.
Ms. Myrtle Pollard	Rougemont	I want to see Voter ID come to NC because this will help prevent dead people and illegal people from voteing. Only one vote should count per person. I think
Mrs. Hazel Poolos	Richfield	We do not need any more voter id. We have enough id to have fair elections. This voter id requirement is not needed, costly, and seems to try to weed out some voters. Right now, if a person doesn't have id as we have always had, that's all that's needed to prevent him/her from voting. Do not waste our precious money on such frivolous scare tactics. Spend it on facts that will help us be fair and tolerant.
Dr. Paul Popish	Hillsborough	The economic cost of this proposal is outrageous both to the State of NC and to the citizens who will need to take time off from work (again an economic downer for our state) in order to satisfy the ID needs if they don't have a driver's license. There is zero hard evidence to support the argument of significant voting fraud in our state and money would be better spent on balancing our budget!
Dr. Rebecca Powers	Greenville	I am writing in opposition to any legislative efforts to add barriers to voting in North Carolina, including attempts to pass a requirement to show a photo ID each time a person votes. Such a measure would disenfranchise honest citizens and harm our democracy.
Dr. Donald Prasnikar	Cary	I'm in favor of requiring photo ID to vote, as well as any other measures that will maintain the integrity of the election process.
Ms. Vanessa Proctor	Holly Springs	You're required to show an ID to write a check, when I go to the doctor, board an airplane, start a new job, buy over the counter allergy medicine like Xyrtec-D or Clartin-D, to purchase alcohol (depending on your age), and the list goes on and on. EVERYBODY should have to show a valid ID to VOTE. Why would anybody not want to show their Photo ID to VOTE....What are they hiding?

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Mrs. Jenny Puckett	Winston-Salem	Our state absolutely MUST require a photo voter identification at the polls. There is NO reason to defer this requirement; it will help cut down on voter fraud, as well as addressing the issue of illegal immigration. Please get this legislation started! Pass a bill to require photo voter ID.
Mr. walter pumphrey	raleigh	With all the important issues facing North Carolina, such as jobs, education, and growth investment, this issue is just another attempt to avoid doing the work the legislature was elected to do; like looking for the quarter under the street light rather than where it was lost, because it is easier.
Mr. Steven Purdy	Harrisburg	I would urge adoption of Photo ID requirements for voting. I need one to drive a car, and complete many official and personal transactions. Voting is a serious matter, and should be taken seriously. Being able to certify I am the person registered to vote is a privilege, and a right to be protected.
Mr. LEE QUICK	HAMLET	This is an unnecessary hindrance on the voting process and it will be very expensive for citizens without a driver's license. I recommend that each registered voter be given a voter registration card.
Mrs. judith rabak	wilmington	This nothing more than a poll tax.
Mrs. Elizabeth Ramos	Fayetteville	I am in favor of requiring a photo ID prior to voting in the State of NC.
Mrs. Janet Rasmussen	Charlotte	I highly encourage your voting to require a photo ID for voting in North Carolina. It is incomprehensible that we do not have to have proof of identity to take part in our election process. I feel this would reduce the likelihood of voter fraud, and prevent voting by persons who are not legal residents and have no right to take part in our voting process. Please vote to require photo IDs in order to vote. Thank you.
Ms. Blanche Rastetter	Beaufort	In this day and age we need an ID for voting... In past years there was not the influx of illegal voters as now...The only people that have a Right to Vote are those that are Legal American Citizens that are Registered to Vote. Americans voting for America.
Ms. mary raymond	apex	Strongly oppose Voter ID. Not beneficial and price tag of 20 million is not tightening your belt. Stop using immigration, abortion and other social issues to take away from the real problems of government. Focus on governing, not social divisions. Get out of the dark and dirty politics!
Mrs. Ronald Reasor	Fuquay Varina	Free and fair elections are the foundation of this country and the state of North Carolina. Citizens must have confidence that election results are free of fraud, including voter fraud. Photo ID is the right step to take in North Carolina to protect citizens and our right to fair elections.
Mr. Kirk Reid	Greensboro	It is my request that a bi-partisan NC Assembly vote against any legislation with regards to the proposed Voter Photo ID in North Carolina, as it would be proven to be ineffective, costly, and most importantly discriminatory against certain segments of our state's legally registered citizens. As some of your Republican colleagues may be alluding to, wrongly, there is not rampant voter fraud in NC or in the United States. Here is the case in fact, and the questions you have to ask: * Do we have laws in place in North Carolina to handle voter fraud? Yes: It's a felony to vote illegally in North Carolina. * How widespread is voter fraud? In 2008, 18 people out of 4.2 million voters in NC were found guilty of voter fraud. From 2002-2007, George W. Bush pursued voter fraud in the nation, saying it was a problem. During that five-year time period, he and his Department of Justice found only 120 voters nationwide who voted fraudulently (and some of those cases were not proved as fraudulent but rather as issues of misinformation) * What is the cost of the proposed law? Up to \$20 million estimated from our state tax dollars. There are also hidden costs for citizens to get Photo ID cards; however, if they were required to pay for cards it would be equivalent to a poll tax so the cost must come from our taxes! * Weren't our lawmakers sent to Raleigh to find ways to reduce spending? Yes! So this bill is a direct antithesis to those promises made during the 2010 elections. * Who would be affected by this proposed law? The majority would be elderly, the poor, students, the disabled AND all of us because of longer lines at DMV and tax money going to the implementation and maintenance of Voter Photo ID cards rather than other services we need! The N.C. Assembly should be looking at ways to reduce the deficit and cut costs, not increase spending by implementing legislation that will not improve a budget shortfall, not reduce voter fraud any less than it already is (which is negligible), and not improve relations with eligible voters and government, or encourage them to vote. Therefore, I ask that you commit to vote against this proposed legislation should it come to the floor for a vote. This is not progress, but a clear impediment in the voting process.

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Mr. James Rentner	Clyde	Picture ID card is COMMON SENSE. Put it in PLACE!
Mrs. Loretta Reynolds	Asheville	I don't know if voter ID by driver's license will work. But at least it is a step. Id by electric, phone, gas bills would not work. Many poor people have these utilities listed in their child's name so they don't have to pay a remaining balance on their account. They just start fresh with their child's identity and ruin the credit of their children before they are out of diapers. We have too many illegal aliens that have driver's license; they should never have been given to them. Some people who are in prison could have their id's left with family so that the family member can vote for them. There is also another problem -- convicted felons who have never petitioned the court for their rights be reinstated. Some felons think that if they went to jail it clears the slate clean. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. Mrs. Loretta Reynolds
Dr. Peter Reynolds	Durham	I am writing in response to proposals now extant to require that voters present a valid government issued photo ID before they may vote in North Carolina. I wish to point out that research shows that such a requirement would act to suppress the vote amongst college students, the elderly, people with disabilities, African American and Latino communities, among others. Is this the intent? (It would appear to many, not just the cynic, that it is.) The research shows that less affluent people, who are thereby less likely to own cars, are likewise much less likely to already have a photo ID. So to these communities, the cost and time it takes to get a government issued photo ID is tremendously burdensome. A recent review by the State Board of Elections suggests that anywhere from 500,000 to 1,000,000 registered voters in North Carolina do not have a current and valid photo ID. So the ID proposals effectively act to disenfranchise these populations. Voting is a fundamental constitutional right at the heart of our democratic process. Legislation that will result in suppression of the vote in certain communities harms our democracy.
Mrs. Angelica Reza Wind	Asheville	I strongly oppose requiring voter id in order to vote. This is the equivalent of having a poll tax. The reality is that the bill will disproportionately affect the elder, Latinos, African Americans, people with disabilities and people that live in rural areas. There are no solid studies that can accurately give the figures of voter fraud so we do not know how pervasive the problem is. Moreover, the costs associated with implementing the requirement can be used for programs that benefit our State such as education and public benefits for low-income families.
Dr. Bobbie Richardson	Louisburg	I can not beleieve that you would be considering a bill that will cost millions of dollars to citizens of North Carolina at a time when the budget deficit is cutting funds from all state agencies and reducing state services. It appears that the budget deficits is only a problem when it does not impact what your Party wants to do. It is amazing how you got elected on cutting waste from the State budget and now you are in office and imposing more cost on citizens of NC.
Dr. Harrell Roberts	Browns Summit	Requiring one to present identification at the election site is just one step away from there being a poll tax requirement to vote. Rather than being progressive, this proposal is quite regressive! Aren't more enlightened than presented by this ancient idea!
Ms. Terri Robinson	Chapel Hill	There is no serious reason issue of Voter ID fraud. I have not seen any systematic cases in NC or US period. There are many new minority and young (college-age) voters in NC. They are more likely to not have all of the ID required. The people who work my poll booth are sweet senior citizens who I would not expect to make judgment calls on the different types of IDs that are valid. Florida and South Carolina have some version of this law and the notoriously excluded minorities from voting. North Carolina should be better than this.
Mr. wayne roddy	fairview	I believe there should be a requirement to provide a photo id to vote. Our current process is a joke and makes it extremely easy to have voter fraud.
Dr. Jean Rodenbough	Greensboro	The proposed action to require government-issued photo ID's for voters violates the right of citizens to vote. It is an unnecessary burden, and because there are nearly half a million North Carolinian voters who do not have such photo IDs, this bill would deny the right to vote to a substantial number of eligible and qualified voters. It is clearly a subterfuge to restrict the number of votes by those who would not support a Republican, conservative effort to control state government. I protest this effort.
Ms. Eva Rogers	Greenville	I would urge our state legislators to reject the proposed Voter ID Bill. Research has shown that this is definitely not a problem in NC and it is an added expense at a time when unnecessary expenditures should be rejected. It will have a negative impact on poor and elderly voters, however. It is far more likely to disenfranchise legitimate voters than to prevent fraud.
Mrs. Toni Rogers	Asheville	A picture ID and voter registration card needs to be in place. I have never lived anywhere that I have not had to show idenification. Please rethink this it will be in the best interest for the State of North Carolina.
Mr. Thomas Rokoske	Boone	Dear Committee representatives: I have lived in North Carolina when one had to pay a poll tax, earlier one had to pass a test in order to vote. There is a Federal Law which outlawed these processes. Now we currently have a registration process that each resident completes in order to vote. The voter registration list is available to the North Carolina and County Boards of Elections and prevents persons from voting in more than one county. Each County Board of Election has computers which give the proper voting precinct for each voter. This prevents each person from voting in the wrong precinct as well as voting twice. Also when a person registers to vote in another county the person can volunteer that they were registered in another county. If they do not do this, the state-wide computer voter list will check to see if there is an exact match with the person's name and date of birth. If there is a match, that person will be unregistered in the previous county. With these measures there is very little voting fraud in North Carolina. I

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		<p>hope each Representative on this Committee will go to that web site to visually see how voter registration works.</p> <p>The criteria for voter registration is clearly listed at the North Carolina Board of Elections and are the following:</p> <p>Qualifications to register to vote in North Carolina</p> <p>To register to vote in this State, a person must sign a voter declaration attesting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I am a U S Citizen * I will have been a resident of North Carolina and this county for 30 days before the election. * I will be at least 18 years old by the next general election. * I am not registered nor will I vote in any other county or state. * If I have been convicted of a felony, my rights of citizenship have been restored. <p>Thus a US Citizen and a resident of North Carolina for 30 days who is at least 18 can register to vote in a county because they live in that county.</p> <p>To implement voter ID's with or without photos in order to vote makes an unnecessary step that is equivalent to a voter test in years past. If this law is written and passed by the NC Legislature, it will be challenged by a Federal Court Case. Why?, If a person is legally registered, one cannot deny a person from voting just because they are not carrying an ID card. Secondly, It puts the acceptance or rejection of being able to vote on the back of the voter rather than on the State. Shouldn't the State keep the records rather than the voter?</p> <p>An equivalent system is used illegally by underage youth to purchase alcohol. If you want to purchase alcohol illegally all you have to do is buy a fake drivers license. (It will even have your picture oriented as an adult license.) Many persons (16-20) have this second ID until the age of 21. How many of you remember those days? How many illegal voters will do the same if there isn't a state-wide registration list.</p> <p>Another fact is that it is another unnecessary law that will tend to reduce the number of voters. If you implement an ID it must not cost anything as to pay a fee to register is equivalent to a poll tax. Another problem with photo ID's is that people age, change their hair style, color or go bald; therefore one must take a photo of that person at regular intervals. I have all of my old drivers licenses and marvel at how I have changed over the last 50 years.</p> <p>Don't fix voter registration as it ain't broke!</p>
Mr. Alan Ross	Huntersville	Stop voter fraud!. This process should be clean and easy. We as a country should want to make our system based on truth and accuracy.Do the right thing!.
Mr. Kelly Rubado	Selma	i find it hard to believe we are not requiring this already, i think this is a must to keep any issues of voter fraud out of North Carolina. i take pride in my privledge to vote and think it should be a requirement to show proof of my request to vote by showing photo ID.
Mrs. Cynthia Salzhauer	Oxford	Having experienced a slack voter registration incident, I would like to see "one man, one vote" happening in our state. I've heard of incidents where people have voted multiple times or have voted in the name of a deceased person and I don't think it's either fair or representational. In walking up to a registrar, I've found the person telling me my address instead of asking me to identify myself with this information. A voter photo i.d. would solve the problem to a great extent.
Margaret Sanderford	Pfafftown	Please vote against the voter ID. It will discourage first time voters and anyone who, for whatever reason, doesn't have a drivers license. It is unnecessary governmental intervention at a time when many in America are protesting loudly that we need less government in our lives. We cannot afford this, we do not need this. It is a waste of your time to even consider this option.
Ms. Janice Sandlin	Wilmington	Voter ID requirements is another attempt to resegregate this state. Why would people need to have ID to vote when it was a right given to us many years ago. Time and engery should be spent on getting jobs for those who are unemployed. You are wrong in your attempt to require voters to have ID to vote. You are showing no compassion for people. I will not vote for your bill to reguire voters to show ID to vote.
Peggy Saporito	Nags Head	With so much indentity theft, I am strongly in favor of requiring a photo ID when voting.
Ms. Carol Sass	Knightdale	While I understand that requiring a photo id can be a hardship for a few people... I believe that it will help reduce voter fraud. I actually heard people bragging they had gone from precinct to precinct to vote. I know there is supposed to be something in place to catch this type of fraud but I also know that a lot of things that are supposed to be available just don't work. People rush in at the last second and "register" and vote. Some people just don't seem to take their voting privileges serious enough to think about it more than ten minutes before they vote.
Mr. Donald Saunders	Blowing Rock	I write to express my opposition to efforts to tighten voter ID requirements. The supposed reason, voter fraud, is fallacious. The number of cases in NC is by all public evidence virtually nil, while the number of people likely to be inconvenienced and/or turned away is large. The additional cost, to the individual or to the taxpayer, for obtaining proper ID is also an unnecessary expense, especially in times of severe budgetary constraints. As someone who has lived for years in a college community, I know how likely it will be that college students, perhaps more than another group of citizens, will be

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		disenfranchised by stricter rules. This is unfair and goes against court findings that students are entitled to vote in the community where they are residing. In my view we should be making it EASIER, not harder, for ALL our citizens to exercise the RIGHT to vote. This right is what makes America a country of, by, and for the people. I urge the General Assembly NOT to pass this piece of legislation. Thank you for your attention.
Rebecca Saunders	Vilas	This is an unfair bill. Do NOT PASS this bill.
Mr. James Sawyer	Vass	I would like to see laws protecting us from voter fraud. I am very much in favor of photo ID most legal voters have a driver's license already and would not be a problem.
Mr. Jack Saye	Asheville	From everything I have read on this topic over the last few years, it seems this bill is a political change not the solution to anything, because no problem exists. There are only a handful of cases of people trying to vote improperly, yet this bill will disenfranchise the hundreds of thousands of our registered voters without photo ID and add a large cost when all other efforts are trying to reduce the budget. This proposed bill is a very bad idea from all aspects.
Mrs. Faisuly Scheurer	Blowing Rok	I am against this bill for several reasons: 1. In a time of large defecits, this will cost millions of dollars to enforce. This is fiscally irresponsible. 2. This will disenfranchise the elderly who in many cases can't find their original social security cards let alone an original birth certificate. 3. This will also disenfranchise other voters such as college students, the homeless, and others for whom it will be extremely difficult if not impossible to obtain a copy of their ss cards and an original birth certificate in order to get an ID. Faisuly Scheurer
Jerry Schill	Cove City	I'm a former member of the Craven County Board of Elections and also worked for several years as a poll worker in New Bern. I favor the requirement of a photo ID to vote. I am a constituent of Rep. William Wainwright.
Mr. Kenneth Schorr	Charlotte	The voter ID requirement will not remedy any demonstrable problem but will disenfranchise many people - particularly elderly, disabled and low-income people who do not have driver's licenses. It will cost millions of dollars, requiring additional cuts in critical services such as education and public safety.
Mrs. Angela Schroeder	High Point	This is a solution in search of a problem. Voter fraud just doesn't happen. Ever. Anywhere. Voter suppression, however, is real. This is costly, unnecessary, and un-democratic. I simply cannot understand why the legislature is wasting its time on this. Please throw this out and get back to the people's business.
D Scott		I am always having to show my identification or my birth certificate. What's the big deal? I think we ought to have to show ID for voting. Who knows how many votes have been bogus, especially in the past few years. America is WAY too lenient when it comes to things like voting and driving. There should also be a way to check immediately at the voting site as to whether these ID's are fake or not.
Mrs. Nancy Scott	Franklin	This proposal appears to be a huge waste of time and money. Photo ID requirement will NOT eleminate voter fraud. Thankfully, voter fraud is not a big issue in our state, so why spend precious millions on something useless. This sounds like BIG Govt making more unnecessary requirements on the voting public. Wrong, wrong! Thank you.
Ms. Wendy Scott	Winston-Salem	This is nothing more than a tactic to suppress likely liberal voters, plain and simple. This sort of monkeying around will be the demise of our democracy. As a liberal American I respect candidates who win elections regardless of party, or at least I DID until issues such as this come to light where there is obvious rigging of the system. STOP IT!
Mr. John Secrest	Winston Salem	I want to thank the committee for allowing me to submit my comments via email when I can't be there in person to voice my opposition to the bill under consideration that requires voters to have an official North Carolina State Identification card in order to vote in North Carolina Elections. In order for the bill to comply with the Constitutional provisions abolishing poll taxes (U.S. Constitution, Amendment XIV, Section I) , the State would be required to offer state issued Identification cards free of charge in order to eliminate charges of a poll tax. With an estimated 10% of the North Carolina population without a State Issued Identification Card, the cost would be upward of \$10 million just to equip the populous with the means to vote. The total cost of the bill is estimated by the Southern Poverty law center to be well over \$20 million dollars (http://www.southernstudies.org/ISS%20Cost%20NC%20Voter%20ID.pdf). With the current projected state budget deficit being well over \$3 billion dollars, this does not seem like the time to fix an "issue" that is anything but. With North Carolina now being 46th in the nation in terms of spending per pupil (http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/03/10/2125791/nc-falls-to-46th-in-per-pupil.html) this again, is not the time to curb an epidemic that does not exist.

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		<p>Proponents of the bill under consideration will speak of its need in order to curb voter fraud in North Carolina. This is a false claim. According the Southern Poverty Law Center, only five instances of voter fraud have been reported in North Carolina. This is hardly an epidemic of voter fraud and does not constitute implementing a costly voter identification program when again, North Carolina faces a 3.7 billion dollar budget deficit with teacher and education on the budgetary chopping block.</p> <p>Despite its promises to be fiscally responsible, it seems complelely irresponisble to add \$20 million in new spending when the legislature seems perfectly content with cutting \$1 billion from education which includes teacher jobs, my own mother being one of them. Growing up in a single parent home, I know just how hard she has worked to become a teacher. All this while getting little to no support from the state and local school officials. Cutting education funding is not going to help the current budget problems, it is only going to make North Carolina's problems worse for the future. As a product of the public school system, I know first hand the consequences of teachers being overwhelmed by swelling classroom size, which will happen if teacher jobs are cut as a result of this and other education. This current legislature was elected on a "mandate" from the voters that it would do all in its power to create jobs. Why is it that the legislature is spending not only valuable time but also taxpayer money on an "issue" that at best only creates job openings at the Board of Elections, which are public sector jobs, all the while many current legislatures say what we need are more private sector jobs? For what reason would this taxpayer and college student have any faith in a legislature when it ignores its "mandate" to create jobs and mauls on these none-issues?</p> <p>The main issue that this taxpayer and college student takes with this proposed legislation is that it disenfranchises many North Carolina voters, college students in particular. Most college students, like myself, hold residency in Dorm halls at their college, meaning they must go through an already difficult process of proving where they live in order to register to vote in the county in which their college is located. Under the proposed legislation, they would still be barred from voting because in most cases their state issued IDs (i.e. Drivers License) hold the address of their original home. Additionally, because students are normally not in the same Residence Hall from year to year and they would be required to re-register in every instance that they receive a new housing assignment.</p> <p>These examples alone are enough to seriously revise or completely throw out the current legislation under consideration. We here in North Carolina face too many budgetary problems already without throwing a costly Voter Identification Law into the mix. I would again like to thank the committee for taking the time to review my comments and thoughts.</p> <p>John Secrest Secrestjc@appstate.edu (336)624-3017</p>
hema sethi	w-s	Idiotic ideas continue to gather momentum as the conservatives take us back in to a sorry past.Democracy is built on participation not exclusion.How does making that process more difficult and wasteful help preserve what we profess to so cherish?
Mrs. Susan L D Shamblin	Morganton	<p>If you truly want to address the issue of voting fraud, you must start with the machines that we use for voting because it is well documented that these machines are easily hacked and the vote count manipulated. Also, the current required audit is a statistical joke that does absolutely nothing to truly assure that the vote is counted as the voter intended. The NC Photo ID Bill will cost millions and do nothing to address where the very real problem of election fraud is found, the machines.</p> <p>If you do support the NC Photo ID Bill, then you should also support providing all with a free photo ID and include a door to door, nursing home to nursing home, school to school and so on program to assure all voters are easily provided a photo ID card and each Board of Elections must have the equipment to issue voter ID cards at all polling sites. Of course, I am not sure how you plan to handle votes by mail but it really doesn't matter because the voting machines are the real problem.</p>
Ms. Susan Sharpe	Vilas	Please vote against this bill which disenfranchises so many citizens in our country at the cost of \$15 million. Photo IDs are an unnecessary burden on taxpayers and will result in an electoral elite that is unconstitutional. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!
Mr. George Sharpley	Raleigh	It is absurd to allow persons to vote in NC without knowing precisely, without any question, that they are legitimate residents and authorized to vote in their precinct, at their address as listed with the State Board of Elections for elections concerning political office in NC.
Mr. James Sheeler	Asheville	I believe adding photo ID requirements for voting in general IS VERY WRONG HEADED AND BAD PUBLIC POLICY. It discourages voting in a democracy. It adds complexity and cost to "fix" A NONEXISTENT PROBLEM. And it is discriminatory to lower income voters, who are supposed to have an opportunity for equal participation in our voting processes. It reminds me of racist attempts of several decades ago to warp our American voting procedures.
Mr. Gary Shelby	Raleigh	Requiring ID prior to voting is a necessity, showing that I am who I say, live where I say and supporting to a smaller degree that I'm a citizen, thus reducing voter fraud.
Mrs. Tom Shelmerdine	Greensboro	Yes! We should require photo id! We need to keep our most precious freedom as honest and accurate as possible. Photo ID is a simple solution to help to combat voter fraud.

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Ms. Yuna Shin	Wilmington	<p>The right of American citizens to vote is exactly that, a right and not a privilege. Yet this proposed requirement seeks to make it into a privilege. It forces citizens to acquire an ID under the assumption that there is at least some amount of voter fraud and that every citizen has a means to get to the proper location to obtain this ID. It has been shown that there is very little voter fraud in this state and such a requirement would effectively shut out from voting those citizens who don't have transportation, access to news, or the physical ability to get to where they need to go to obtain this ID. Since when do we vote to curb citizens' rights? Also thinking of the cost to implement such a measure during these hard times, is it really wise? Please do not vote this proposed piece of legislation into law. It is un-American at its core, aims at curbing citizens' right to vote, and it is costly that the state cannot afford.</p> <p>Sincerely, Yuna Shin</p>
Mr. Boyce Shore	Tobaccoville	<p>Having been a former Mayor for 6 years and at present, a precient judge for the past 3 or 4 years, I have been appalled at the number of people that have come in to vote and begin to hand me an ID and then when I tell them that it is not required, they also are appalled that it's NOT REQUIRED. Many times, the comment is made, "then how do you know I am who I say I am?" Of which I reply, "I don't. But it's the law. I cannot ask you for an ID to vote." Then it never fails, "they ought to change this!" That is why I'm making these comments. It is appalling that we have to have an ID to cash a check, to purchase tobacco or some cough syrups but not to vote. Please while the time is right, make this a law that you must have a photo ID to vote and make the volitions of using a fake ID a punishment not worth the "Vote".</p>
Mr. Walter Shur	Pittsboro	I am strongly opposed to proposals which would require that voters present a valid government issued photo ID before they may vote in North Carolina.
Carl Shy	Efland	I encourage committee members to vote against the proposed voter ID legislation. There is little evidence for voter fraud in NC, and plenty of evidence that a significant number of legal voters do not have a government ID. A photo ID is just another form of poll tax, and is mainly effective in reducing the number of qualified citizens from casting their votes. What kind of a democracy is this, when legislators propose legislation that primarily makes it difficult for citizens to participate in our democratic society?
Mr. John Sieminski	Fuquay-Varina	In regard to the requirement for a photo id for voting, I believe it is an absolute necessity to protect the integrity of the voting process. I am shocked that this has not been in place already. I fully support this.
Mrs. Betty Simmons	Smithfield	We desperately need a law requiring photo voter identification. I cannot understand why some politicians think this would be unfair to certain people. Honesty is always the best policy. If you're legal to vote, you won't have a problem with showing your identification. Our government bends over backward to help dishonest people!
Mr. Greg Simmons	Boone	Please abandon this move to require a photo ID with a local address in order to vote. We need to encourage MORE residents to vote, not impede their ability to do so. Requiring a picture ID with a LOCAL ADDRESS will effectively disenfranchise tens of thousands of students who attend college in towns/counties outside of the "home" address. This initiative will effectively suppress this particular population of voters, and one wonders if that is the sole purpose of it. For the record, the right of college students to vote wherever they're attending college was established by the Supreme Court in 1979 in Symm v. U.S. Please abandon this ill-considered initiative, and get to work creating jobs.
Mrs. Violet Simon	Chapel Hill	Is North Carolina regressing to the poll tax era? Requiring photo ID to vote is a very bad idea! It will prevent many people, who are otherwise qualified, from casting their vote (senior citizens, people who do not have drivers' licenses, poor citizens who may not be able to purchase a photo ID). It would also add an expense to the budget which the government cannot afford during this economic crisis!
Mrs. Betty Sisson	waynesville	yes, i agree... everyone should show proof of who they are.
Mr. Ulysses Slaughter	Charlotte	<p>What is broken? Have we had overwhelming evidence of voter fraud in this state? Why would North Carolina disenfranchise a large portion of it's citizenry from voting? Is this racially motivated or an assault on those of us not willing or unable to acquire the voting requirement? Is this politically motivated?</p> <p>If the answer to any of these questions is no, then I ask the question again, what is broken?</p> <p>The people of this state are experiencing increased difficulties relative to our livelyhood. Jobs are decreasing, food and gas prices are on the rise, our young men and women are fighting and dying in two wars and our children's education has declined internationally. However, we, as Americans and North Carolinians, continue to strive for a better day and rely on our countries consistant comittment to self determination.</p> <p>North Carolinians must maintain the ability to determine who their representatives will be, without undue and unfair restrictions.</p>
Mrs. Joan Slowik	Oak Island	No one should be allowed to vote unless they show a photo I.D. in my opinion.

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Mr. GUY Smith	KINGS MOUNTAIN	At this past election, I worked for candidates at my local polling place and one subject that came up multiple times was that NO I.D. was required to vote. Maybe it's because so many more people have become aware of what their government is doing to them that they are concerned about the security of the election process. I know that the majority of voters I spoke with at my local precinct were in favor of a requirement for a picture I.D. to vote.
Mrs. Jean Smith	Cary	I think it is incredible that we do not have this already. Identity theft is of great concern to us all, and how easy it would be for someone to commit voter fraud. Our votes are precious, and the system should be designed to protect the integrity of the outcome.
Mrs. lee smith	Greensboro	I'm not certain how a photo ID will prevent voter fraud. By photo ID do you mean driver's license? If so, then I assume birth certificates are required to obtain a NC driver's license. NC has such a huge population of illegal aliens, qualifying voters as US Citizens is essential for voter registration and then restricted to voting just once is critical. I find our computerized printouts of registered voters a trifle simplistic...I walk in give my name and vote, am never asked to show any other ID at all.
Mrs. mary smith	topton	Why would we need voter id? No i don't want voter id and if we get it i just won't vote i think that is stupid .We have not had it so why now?
Mr. Peter Sommo	Sneads Ferry	It is time to Require Photo ID at every Polling place. In the past decade there have been too many questionable ballots cast. If an individual is required to show a photo ID upon request to purchase a pack of cigarettes, or an alcoholic beverage, then our most precious Freedom, Voting must be protected at all costs. We the People have had enough of the Left crying, 'Voters being disenfranchised' simply because they are asked for ID. If you cant prove who you are, then you shouldnt vote. Also, the left can organize 'Get out the Vote', so let them organize, 'Get the Voters Photo ID's' ..enough of the political correct BS. Pissed off in NC
Mrs. Barbara Sossomon	Raleigh	It is time for people to have to prove who they are to vote. There are many people who are voting in place of someone else. This needs to stop. I was an observer during the last election cycle, and many people who were there to vote and trying to show ID were appalled to find that you did not need to prove that you were the person that you said you were to vote. All you had to do was know their address. If that person does not show up to vote, or is deceased, it will never be found out. Let's make voting the privilege that it is and not another way for people to illegally stick it to the system.
Mr. Adam Sotak	Durham	As Organizing Director at Democracy North Carolina, a non-profit voting rights organization based in Durham, NC, I have helped collect personal stories from dozens of North Carolina voters who could be directly affected by a photo ID requirement for voters. You can view, listen, and read many of their stories at: http://www.democracy-nc.org/VoterIDStories.html . These are voters who do not have a current government issued photo ID but still deserve the right to vote. Thanks for considering their stories.
Ms. Sara Sousa	Durham	I am writing to request that the NC General Assembly does not pass legislation requiring citizens to produce a government issued ID in order to vote. The requirement of a government ID is expensive, unnecessary, and denies many legal citizens of this state their ability and right to vote. There are many proven, successful alternatives to address concerns regarding voter fraud. http://www.democracy-nc.org/downloads/VoterIDFactSheet-3-11-11.pdf Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Sara L. Sousa
Ms. Linda Southard	Candler	Please support this important bill. It is of utmost importance to keep our election process free of fraud. This bill is one important step towards this goal. An picture ID is required to ENTER an office building in NYC, board a plane, cash a check, and many other daily activities. No one complains about this. Same should be true of voting in NC.
Dr. milton spann	boone	your effort to supress voter registration and voting rights is and encredable affront to the democracy...i am shocked that you would dare to consider such a thing as voter ID...please recognize the consequences of such action and deep six this bill
Mr. Edwin Spencer	Wilmington	My wife and I strongly support a valid NC personal picture in order to vote. Most NC voters have a drivers license containing their picture. For those few who do not drive (age, blind, etc.), then they will need to obtain a valid photograph should they plan to vote. Simply have them go to their local driver license testing office and obtain a photograph at no coat to them (state pays costs). If anyone is not willing to do this small task, then they will be too informed to vote for the best qualified candidate. Many tax paying NC citizens, myself included, suspect fraud in the current NC voting system.
Ms. Christina Stableford	Raleigh	The incidence of actual, proven voter fraud in our state has been statistically insignificant. We have many more pressing concerns than creating a costly bureaucratic barrier to the voting booths for the elderly, the handicapped (who may not be able to drive) and the low-income residents of our state. Let's not waste time and money trying to fix something that's not broken.

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Mr. Roger Stark	Hendersonville	Gentlemen/Madams: This is a simple issue. The right to vote is for citizens of the United States, or if you so wish citizens of the State. Due to the Wars of Politics, whereby the power of the people are less important than the power of its Representatives, we now have new classes of People, such as Aliens, Visitors, illegal aliens, Double Voters, Felons, and the Dead voting. They do not vote for some unknown reason. There is an unsavory and illegal aspect of this, which taints the people we send to Raleigh. You can argue it is not. Why argue. Make it Legal and Full Proof, that yes we have the Right and the Reason to vote. But, only that is reserved for those under the circumstances of the Law and of Being a Citizen that can prove by some very perfect means their identification to this right to vote. Stand up, stop the Political Correctness, man up and do the right thing. I cannot get on an Airplane without ID. But yet a Somalian Prisoner serving time for a Felony can find a way to vote. Time to get real Gentlemen/Madams. We the People are watching! Roger Stark
Ms. diana starling	Raleigh	I support a statute requiring voters in North Carolina show a valid, legally traceable photo identification in order to vote. I must provide photo ID when visiting the Department of Justice, and likely, other State and Federal Offices require photo identification in order to enter the building. I must provide a driver's license when purchasing Sudafed medication for my children. I must have a photo ID to write a check and, often, to use my credit card. It is unlikely there are many who cannot enter a building or make a purchase because they have no ID. Voting is more important than entering a secured building or making a purchase and should be treated with the greatest of respect and carried out with the greatest security possible.
Ms. Sonja Stetzler	Charlotte	Yes, voters should have to present a valid picture ID in order to vote. This will reduce voter fraud such as: undocumented people who aren't citizens voting, people voting more than once, and dead people voting. We have a problem in North Carolina with voter fraud. Requiring a photo ID will reduce fraud and bring back faie elections.
Ms. Pam Stevens	Raleigh	I vote yes to require a government issued photo ID to vote.
Ms. Joy Stewart	Chapel Hill	I oppose legislation requiring photo ids for voting in North Carolina. Voter fraud is not a problem, but these added burdens would be to the thousands of registered voters in this state who do not have photo ids. This legislation is also reminiscent of voting restrictions in the Jim Crow era. I can't believe that any credible legislator would want to return us to that time.
Mr. Brian Stickley	Monroe	Fraud, dead people voting, multiple trips to the polls, are just a few of the problems that lead to the type of government we have had to endure. Thank you for addressing this. Do the right thing and Get IT Right ... Now !!! Photo ID to vote, And teach Civics in every middle school and a follow up in every high school. Catch them before they drop out. Civics with an emphasis on economics as it pertains to government. Too many now believe that there is a "free lunch" and we all know that's just not so and we cannot sustain this madness. Let's Roll !
Ms. Judy Stierand		Ladies and Gentlemen: Isn't a utility bill or bill of rent enough for an identification of an individual in prove of his/her residence? My mail box is already too full with "requirements"; I need no additional identification. Repectfully submitted, Judy Stierand
Mr. Roger Stilling	Todd	I would like to register my objections to enforcing a picture ID on NC voters. This to me is just one more effort at arbitrary Government control over the lives of citizens as they try to go about their civic duty. The standard forms of non-invasive IDs have done fine in the past, and the state has no history of fictitious Arabs or other problem folks affecting our elections. If it ain't broke, don't TRY (and almost always fail) to fix it. Plus, a program like this is far from cheap. REPUBLICANS--SHAME ON YOU FOR BIG GOVERMENT, BIG SPENDING INTERFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS FINE STATE!!
Mr. Leonard Stokes	Buxton	There should be a way to verify those that are voting. Photo ID is one good way, ie Drivers License or voter card registration. Those that do not drive need to have someone verify and sign that they are who they say they are and have some form of ID with them. Maybe we should do it the old fashion way, only those that own property or those that pay taxes can vote. We also need a voters test to even see if those that are voting even know what the election is about? Oh, and please limit it to only US citizens and only written in English! All very simple.
Mr. Geoffrey Stone	Black Mountain	I feel that voting is a fundamental constitutional right that is at the heart of our democratic process. The proposed legislation will result in suppression of the vote in certain communities, which in my opinion, harms our democracy.
Mr. Thomas Strini	Mint Hill	As I am unable to speak in person at Tuesday's hearing, I want to express my opposition to proposed legislation which would require a current, valid photo ID in order to vote. My mother and father are 89 and 90 respectively and neither of them has a current drivers license. Both my parents take great pride in the fact that they have never failed to vote, and I would hate to see them disenfranchised simply because they couldn't produce a photo ID. I am also concerned that verifying IDs will slow the voting process and discourage otherwise eligible voters from standing in line long enough to cast their ballot. I have already witnessed people leaving the polls during early voting because lines were too long and they only had their lunch hour

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		available to vote. In addition, it will certainly require more poll workers, an expense we surely can't afford in these tight economic times. Please do not advance this bill for a vote. Thank you.
Paula Stroup	Raleigh	Vote *** YES *** to require photo ID for voters!
Dr. Joan Sullivan	Cary	I oppose photo ID requirement. The Board of Elections of each county carefully checks each voter at registration. Fraud is a felony and is minimal compared to the number of registered voters. Photo ID would be expensive to implement for individuals esp. the elderly and poor and for the NC as a time when we should be attending to balancing the budget. How would you check the photo ID of absentee voters? Respectfully submitted for your careful consideration.
Jeffrey Sykes	Reidsville	I am a Republican and a NC native. I think this is unnecessary and will likely result in disenfranchisement at the polls. This law is likely to be challenged and found unconstitutional, creating unnecessary legal costs for the state. The mechanism for enforcement is already in place when the voter signs the affidavit at the polls under penalty of perjury. Fix the tax system, fix the schools, keep criminals in prison.
Dr. Mary Tait	Charlotte	If the proposed requirement for Voter IDs is enacted, then my mother won't be able to vote. She is 85, has never driven, and used an Alabama id card for check writing only. She now has moved to Charlotte and lives in assisted living. She doesn't drive, she doesn't write her own checks, but she does avidly follow the news and plans on voting in Mecklenburg County this fall. By the way, this lifelong Republican will be disenfranchised if required to have an ID.
Mr. David Taylor	Beaufort	I'd like to know what this ID program will cost and how will we decide if it's really worth it? Since the concern is presumably based on verifying that the voter and ID are one and the same how will it be determined if the ID is "real"? Who's going to help get IDs to ALL of NC's voters, especially the ones who are poor, perhaps disabled and have no easy access to transportation to get to the office where the IDs will be issued? Maybe it would be more sensible to just inject an RFID chip into the people you want to allow to vote. Pardon my cynicism. After the 2004 voting debacle created largely by touchscreen voting machines I took a somewhat less positive view of our election system. Then.. along came that IRV silliness. Now THIS??? With all the problems currently facing our state I should think y'all had better things to do with OUR time and money.
Mrs. Carol Thomas	Trent Woods	Everyone should be required to show a picture ID with correct address. Everything we do today including visiting our physicians requires an ID. Nothing is more important than voting. Unless you are locally known, anyone can vote in the name of someone else and it would never be known. Let's make every vote county by identifying the voters.
Mr. Jimmy Thomas	Broadway	During the last voting this past year at Boone Trail Fire Department voting precinct, I witnessed a young black woman get in line to vote; went through the process, came out and left. Around 45 minutes later she came back in and got back in line and I witnessed her going back through the line to vote. She returned again 45 minutes later and voted a third time. I said to her that I think you have voted enough times. She never came back. I believe she was going and getting other names of registered voters that were not going to vote and used their names. That is the only way she could have gone through this line to vote that many times. (I was there several hours handing out information sheets on conservative judges and candidates so I could stand over 50 feet away and I could see clearly the line through the glass doors and into the voting section.) She went by the ladies at the tables picking up voting ballots three times.
cle Thompson	Pfafftown	For all the talk about "BIG GOVERNMENT" this is exactly what this bill is. There's no money to fund schools, but there's money to set up, administer and track photo IDs? This is absurd. VETO THIS! And while you're at it, pass a comprehensive immigration act so you don't need to spend time on bills like this that lead America down the wrong path.
Ms. Marnie Thompson	Greensboro	Please vote NO on this unnecessary, deeply political bill. NC does not have a problem with voter fraud. Plus the bill would act as a barrier to the 8% of registered active voters who do not have a state issued ID. These voters tend to be people color, older people, and women. The political point of the bill, therefore, seems to be to keep these groups of people from the polls. Finally, I find it hard to believe that the legislature is spending time on this kind of unnecessary bill when it has far more serious, REAL issues to solve, like closing the budget gap.
Mr. Douglas Tjarks	Cary	I am requesting that the House Elections Committee move this legislation forward for voting by the full House. Photo ID must be a requirement for voting to assure the integrity of the voting process in North Carolina. Without proper identification and verification of the status of every voter we citizens can have no confidence in the voting process, and this precious right we citizens have is diminished and reduced to a sham.
Mrs. Rebekah Todd	Hendersonville	Every registered voter already receives a voter registration card. In the least we should require either that voter registration card or a person's photo ID to vote. However, I do support even stricter measures of requiring photo ID to vote - even if this means determining a way provide free ID upon request. It would best be done at the DMV since it is already set up for that function. Securing elections isn't a partisan issue. It's one every honest voter should support. I would suspect fraudulent intent of anyone not supporting such measures.

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Mrs. Alexis Trent	greensboro	I am currently a sophomore college school at A&T with a permanent residency and drivers license in California. I DO NOT think Voter IDs should be issued because people that live in the state have a right to vote what happens in it, even though they might just live there for 4 years. Also, in America there has been a push for college students to vote because the number of college students especially black students is extremely low, having voter ID just solidifies the idea that my voter does not count in this nation and I might as well not vote. Please do not vote yes for voter ID it is unjust,destructive to my rights, and determinately belief that the state cares about students the young vote.
Mrs. RITA TROXLER	REIDSVILLE	SINCE THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CITIZENS SUPPORT VOTER ID, THE LEGISLATURE NEEDS TO LISTEN TO THE MAJORITY AND VOTE FOR VOTER ID. THE VOTERS DO NOT HAVE ANY ASSURANCE THAT ELECTIONS ARE LEGITIMENT. THE VOTER ID LAW WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO START TO GIVE THE CITIZENS SOME CONFIDENCE THAT ELECTIONS ARE LEGITIMENT. WITH THE DISTRICTS DRAWN TO INSURE A CERTAIN OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS AND GROUPS LIKE ACORN REGISTERING MICKEY MOUSE AND MANY VOTES COUNTED AS MICKEY MOUSE SRE JUST 2 EXAMPLES OF VOTER UNREST.
Mr. Andrew Turner	Roanoke Rapids	My wife and I strongly support VOTER I.D.
Patrick Turner	Carrboro	The proposed Voter Photo ID Bill would be a significant obstacle for college students and young adults who want to vote. Since I left my parents' house for college in 2004, I have lived in two dorm rooms and six different apartment complexes. My driver's license, which is finally set to expire in a few months, still has my parents' address on it, because that was the only place I could consider a permanent address. How would I have voted in the recent elections if the proposed bill had been in effect? Is this what we want to do to our already embarrassing voter turnout? I don't think so!
Mr. Guy Tutterow	Battleboro	This should have been law years ago, we have to show ID at the bank, bars, and military installtions and retail stores. Try getting a drivers license without ID.
Mrs. Margarette Umphlett	Manteo	I am strongly in favor of requiring a photo ID for all voters. This will help get rid of voter fraud.
Mrs. Carolyn Underwood	Clyde	I urge the House Elections Committee of North Carolina to mandate photo ID for voting in our State. If we need photo ID in addition to fingerprint cards, so be it. No more dead people voting in AMERICA or "friends" voting for "friends". Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.
Mr. Keith Valencourt	Salisbury	I feel that adding the photo ID requirement is entirely reasonable and highly necessary to help prevent voter fraud. I also feel that you need to view this as just one small step in the right direction. Requiring a NC driver's license or NC-issued ID would be even better. Perhaps requiring proof of citizenship would be going too far, but the State should not be providing election-related material in any language other than English. Period.
Ned and Ann van Buren	Greensboro	Yes, EVERY state should have photo I.D. to vote! To do less is to devalue and make a mockery of our citizenship! We'll be watching... Ann and Ned van Buren
Mrs. Hope Van Dorp	Plymouth	I support requiring voter to show a photo ID to vote!
Mr. John Vanderstar	Waynesville	Exactly what is the problem this proposed legislation seeks to address, and how serious is the problem? Exactly what would the cost of this proposed program be? In a season when budget deficits and a high unemployment rate should be top priorities, is this a good measure to be occupying time and energy?
Mr. Alan VanHassel	Hendersonville	Picture ID is required to cash a check, sell your own real estate, drive a motor vehicle and many other things to prevent fraud, is stealing an election any less a fraud?
Ms. Diane Vannais	Pittsboro	This is ridiculously expensive effort for a non-existent problem. Legal challenges alone will cost us millions. I work in the polls; it will be a nightmare..provisional ballots are enormously time consuming. Do NOT proceed with this bill.
Mr. Adam Versenyi	Carrboro	Dear Elections Committee, I write to urge you not to recommend a proposal that voters present a valid government issued ID before they can vote in North Carolina. As a college professor both personally and professionally engaged with the Latino community I believe that such a requirement would greatly suppress voting amongst both college students and Latinos in the state. Research shows that such regulations affect both of these groups, as well as the elderly, people with disabilities, African Americans, and the poor negatively. The cost - which could be hundreds of dollars for some - and time it takes to get a government issued photo ID is tremendously burdensome for some populations. In fact, a recent review by the State Board of Elections suggests that

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		anywhere from 500,000 to 1,000,000 registered voters in North Carolina do not have a current and valid photo ID. I urge you to reject such an ill advised proposal
Mr. Mark Villee	Raleigh	<p>The sacred ability of law abiding, US Citizens to vote in a democratic election for Government Legislatures should not be taken lightly. Therefore, in order to maintain the integrity of elections and prohibit abuse and fraud, I believe that it is ESSENTIAL and MANDATORY that each and every individual show identification BEFORE being permitted to vote.</p> <p>I have worked at many voting polling stations over the last 15 years and have personally witnessed many cases of voter fraud that could have been thwarted if voter identification were in place.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mark Villee</p>
Louis Vitale	Franklin	This is a big waste of taxpayer money, espically when the state has such a deficet. It is an example of BIG government run amock, chaseing a problem that does not exist. I additon there is no way to verify on site that the "Photo ID" presented is not fake.
Mrs. Patricia Von Canon	Kinston	I believe that to vote in any election in North Carolina, one should be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of North Carolina. Whatever measures are needed to insure this requirement has my full support. I would also like to see a law that excludes persons suffering with dementia from voting.
Kenneth Waddell	Chadbourn	The idea of requiring a photo ID for a person to vote will help ensure that the voter is who he or she claims to be. There can be the appearance of voter fraud at the polls and the possibility of vote manipulation is certainly a concern when you are relying totally on poll workers to determine eligibility. This will be certainly be a move in the right direction and help restore voter confidence in the one person one vote system that we hold so dear. It certainly will not insult me if I am asked for an ID.
Ms. Gladys Walden	Halifax	Why do USA citizens need to show an ID to vote we are already registered voter and citizens of the this country, do we need money that bad that we are going to make citizens of this country by ID's just to vote? Are we losing all of our civil liberties and can you explain to the people of the free country why it's important that we have an ID to vote.
Mrs. NANCY WALDROP	CANDLER	Photo Voter ID is essential if we are to ensure the validity of our election process in NC. This can happen with minimal expense/inconvenience to any voter. As a citizen who greatly values the priviledge and right we have to vote, I want my vote to count and be protected. Photo voter ID is one way to ensure this happens. Please PASS A PHOTO VOTER ID REQUIREMENT.....
Dr. Robert Walker	Burlington	I have a real problem with the proposed Voter ID bill, for several reasons. (1) It seeks to address a virtually non-existent problem. (2) It will create the necessity to spend millions of taxpayers' dollars at a time when the party in power was elected on their promise to reduce spending, rather than increase it. I find that quite hypocritical (3) In essence, this would become another form of poll tax, because of the categoriesof people who are presently lacking government-issued photo IDs, e.g., many elderly, many students, many low income but registered voters, etc. This seems to be a blatant attempt to advance the Republican party at state expense, because many of the people who do not have IDs are Democrats. I find the whole proposal to be abhorrent and in fact sleazy.
Mr. Allan Wall	Perkins	I would like to invite you to read my article about Mexico's voter registration system, which is better than ours. I recommend that your state adopt a similar system. Here's the link: http://www.vdare.com/awall/voter_registration.htm
Rebecca Wall	Winston-Salem	Requiring a photo ID for voters simply makes life harder for people who don't have drivers' licenses--the very people who already have enough difficulty in their lives. It seems to me a transparent attempt to keep poor people, the elderly, and those who for some medical reason cannot drive from voting.
Mr. Charlie Wallin	Boone	This is nothing but an assault on voter rights. Because there were 8 counts 8 mind you of voter fraud in the last election you are seeking to disenfranchise 300,000 voters (I'm using the conservative estimate not the BOE 700,000). This is unconstitutional and shouldn't even be considered. I have elderly family who haven't driven in years and don't have a birth certificate to obtain. For those of you who are living in a dream world there are still people alive her in WNC who lived during a time when bith certificates weren't made. Stop this insanity now.
Mrs. Marsha Walpole	Sugar Grove	I am very concerned about the proposed requirements for a state issued picture ID to be able to vote. I believe it will cause an undue burden on elderly people that no longer have driver's licenses and limited resources to get a state ID made. I am also concerned about the cost and the time spent on something that has been shown to be only a minor problem.
Mr. Ronald Walters	Greensboro	Toughening of Voter ID requirements is a "solution" to a "problem" that only exists in the minds of people who want to squelch legitimate voter turn-out. If we had a "voter fraud problem", it would have to be "massive" in order to affect election outcomes; and it has yet to be proven by this "solution's" proponents that the "fraud problem" even exits beyond a very, very few individual instances. All this photo requirement would do is dis-enfranchise legitimate voters at a waste of MILLIONS of dollars of taxpayer money.
Mr. William Walters	Pinehurst	The privlge to vote is one of the most important aspects of our freedom. As American's, we should not take that lightly. Allowing non-citizens of The United States of America to vote in elections is counter to every thing our country was founded upon. To Many American's have died defending this right. We must take every step to eliminate voter fraud and insist that every vote is cast by a citizen of the United States of America.

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Mr. Peter Walz	Knightdale	<p>I am opposed to new requirements on voting in North Carolina, and specifically photo ID requirement. Implementing this sort of new ID requirement will cost the state of North Carolina and counties millions and millions of dollars at a time of severe budget crisis. And it would be addressing a problem that simply does not exist.</p> <p>This doesn't do anything to create a single job in NC. Stop focusing on petty stuff and spend your time on something productive.</p> <p>Peter Walz Knightdale, NC</p>
Mr. William Ward	Greensboro	<p>We need positive proof of all voters to maintain the integrity of our voting procedure. Since we have to show ID for many other causes why not for voting.</p>
Mr. Michael Warmack	Clayton	<p>I will strongly support supporters of responsible law. We have had more than enough voter fraud through years and the is a "no-brainer" solution. Please vote to enforce voter I.D. requirements.</p>
Mrs. Amanda Warren	Winston-Salem	<p>Please do not pass this bill. Please do not penalize or burden poor people. Please do not take us back to Jim Crow.</p> <p>Please do get onto business that will actually help the people of North Carolina in accordance with your promises to enhance job growth, etc. Please do YOUR job.</p>
Dr. Thomas Wason	Raleigh	<p>Please do not require photo ID. It is unnecessary, as the incidence of fraudulent voting is extremely small. No one who is here illegally would attempt to vote. You must state your name and address clearly. The workers at the poll know the voters personally if taken in aggregate and would immediately recognize fraud.</p> <p>Voter photo ID would be expensive to institute and manage. In short, we don't need it, it is expensive, and we don't need to add yet another law in our state.</p> <p>Do not require voter photo ID.</p>
Mr. Doug Watson	Apex	<p>I welcome the NC General Assembly's attempts to require voter identification. Voter fraud and abuse is a serious problem in the US, and few issues are more important to the health of our nation. I hope NC will lead the way toward voter integrity, by passing legislation to help end problems in North Carolina. I would also love to see the state uphold our US Constitution and demand proof of eligibility from every candidate BEFORE he or she can even be on an NC ballot (ie. I'm not convinced our US president is legal).</p>
Fred Watson	Clyde	<p>A valid NC Driver's License or other type of ID with a recent photograph should be required. Persons who do not have a valid NC Driver's license (Photographic ID) should be able to go to a DMV and get a photo ID (non-drivers ID). At the DMV for a Driver's license or photo ID they should have to be able to submit proof of residency (birth certificate, Immigration record, visa or other proof). Anyone not satisfying the proof of residency and personal identity requirements should have a back ground check and have to come back to DMV in 3 to 7 days to pickup their Driver's Licensase or photo ID.</p>
Mr. LAAWRENCE WATTS, JR.	GREENVILLE	<p>The most recent election for Sherif in Washington County was won by four votes. The loosing candidate was able to show the election board obituararies from the newspapers for six of the people who voted for the winning candidate in the election. You have to show your Photo ID if you purshase in the ABC Stores. Voter fraus would be reduced if we all had to show a Photo ID to vote.</p>
Mrs. Michelle Wayland	Raleigh	<p>I am AGAINST any new voter ID requirements. They will disenfranchise voters and don't curb fraud.</p>
Mrs. Carolyn Weaver	Deep Gap	<p>If you are a registered voter no photo ID should be required to vote.</p>
Mrs. Sally Weber	Raleigh	<p>This issue has always interested me because I never understood why anyone could go to the voting place and vote in my place. All they really need to know is my name. They ask you to confirm your address (while you are staring at it on their sheet!), but that is it. I almost laugh every time I do it. It would be such a logical and easy thing to ask for a photo id. What could it hurt and it certainly would make me feel better. It just makes sense.</p>
Sandra Weiss	New Bern	<p>I have always favored a photo ID be required for voting. Not comfortable with not being required to show photo ID to vote</p>
Ms. crystal wells	raleigh	<p>I think every American should be able to vote no matter the race or their background without presenting a photo Id. The laws have been passed for equal rights so stick to the laws and not make new ones to hinder citizens that pay taxes the right to vote due to not having I'd. We all have a right to speak and not be judged, so in my eyes and the eyes of god, this should not be passed. Let's just know that one day we will be judged and would we want to be left back because of not have done the right thing? I just hope you make the right decision, god bless and do have a wonderful day!!!!</p>
Mrs. Mary Wells	Rocky Mount	<p>This is wrong to force the elder who have worked so hard for North Carolina with little education and no way to run all over to get the ID.North Carolina is known as a State that cares about all. This is a way to keep uneducated people from voting. They can voice their opinions if they cannot read or write. These people have served the state now we want to tell them they do not matter.</p>

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Dr. Charlie West	Wilmington	Proposed voter ID is an OBVIOUS attempt to suppress the turnout of poorer and minority legal voters. It should be soundly rejected.
Mary Jane Westall	Asheville	I am highly in favor of passage of this bill. It is insulting to law abiding citizens that those seeking to influence an election in an illegal manner are enabled by not having to show identification at the polls.
Mr. wheeler	hope mills	We need to know that we are who we say we are when we vote,no l.d. no vote,and that means ever one in North Carolina.
Ms. Judy White	greensboro	This is a horrendous waste of time, one more example of why the republican/tea party should not be in charge of anything. Where are the jobs, the majority of people want to see better jobs, stronger education, not your pet projects to undermine th democratic process. Voting fraud is not a problem, the only reason for this is to eliminate certain minorities from voting for democrats. They are completely out of touch with the majority of voters in North Carolina, who is surprised.
Mrs. Karen Wiebe	Raleigh	No to a photo ID requirement. There are options: utility bill, credit card, library card. Come on...voting is a privilege and it must be made as easy as possible for EVERY citizen.
Mr. Leonard Wiggins	Rocky Mount	Statistics show that voter fraud is a non-issue in North Carolina. Given the history of the South which includes instances of denying voter rights to minorities through threats, voter literacy tests, and other means this measure strikes me as insensitive to that history and totally unnecessary.
Ms. Janet Wilberg	Apex	The current requirement requiring only giving a name is too arbitrary, too general, therefore not reasonable and objective enough. It is a simple process for a voter to offer a simple form of ID that is reasonably credible to substantiate who they say they are. An honest voter has no problem with doing so. The current voter requirement needs improving to make it more honest. A clear majority of NC voters want this. As representatives of this state pay attention to this fact and correct this current egregious policy.
Mr. john wiley	raleigh	I am in favor of a voter ID. for all voters. this will control fraud in our elections.
Ms. Patricia Wilkie	Boone	VOTE AGAINST this bill. It would unfairly eliminate many voters,in particular the senior and student population. These voters may not have the proper resources to obtain the required information. The senior population may not have access to an original birth certificate and/or driver's license. Students registered to vote in a district where they are attending school would most likely have a driver's license from their home town. Getting the required ID would be so cumbersome that many students would just find it easier to "give up" their right to vote.
Mr. Curtis Williams	Newport	Having to show Id for voting will help to eliminate the election fraud question.
Patricia Williams	Cary	This is a bill in search of a problem--and one that does NOT exist on any great scale. It will be costly to taxpayers, and is simply wrong. Why even go down this path???
Ms. Pamela Williamson	Boone	I have a friend whose mother is 92 years and has voted in every election since she turned of age. She has no birth certificate because rural doctors back in her day were supposed to fill them out but usually didn't. She and her friend (who has a similar story) are both now in nursing homes. Neither has a driver's license. What is your plan to ensure they and others like them can vote without hassle or cost? Other questions: (1) The state constitution says voting must be "free." That means to all, not just to those who cannot afford the costs of birth certificates, social security cards, travel to get a state ID. How is a voter to get money from you for the supporting documents and the gas to an issuing agency? How do they apply? How do they get the cash from you to pay for a birth certificate? How long will it take you to send them the money? How much do you think this will cost the state each year? How many new hires will it take? It took me over two months to get a copy of my birth certificate from Georgia. How do you plan to get the birth certificates to the voter faster? (2) The Supreme Court holds that students are allowed to vote where they attend school. Why is a student ID not considered valid ID? I would REALLY like this question answered because I can't see any reason why a student ID would not be allowed unless this is outright voter suppression. Also, how do you plan to notify students (and when) of their need to get supporting documents and how they apply for the funds from you for the supporting documents and gas to a local issuing agency? How much do you anticipate this will cost? (3) The state constitution says "no property qualification shall affect the right to vote," How is a state-issued ID requirement not a "property qualification"?

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		<p>(4) How much is it going to cost the state to hold ID issuing agencies open after hours and for longer hours and on weekends? Which will be required since many people work typical hours and cannot get to the agencies except after working hours and on weekends.</p> <p>(5) The Board of Elections vets every single voter registration to determine voter eligibility. Why is a Board of Elections voter registration not considered a valid ID?</p> <p>(6) What are your plans for voter outreach to notify legally registered voters of the new rules they will now have to meet to be able to vote? When do you plan this outreach? How much will it cost? How much additional staff will be needed to accomplish the outreach?</p> <p>(7) Since there is virtually no evidence of voter fraud in NC, what is your true intent behind a Voter ID bill? Since it is clear this voter photo ID bill is a Republican national strategy, please share with North Carolinians when you met with whom and under what circumstances about this effort? The voters of NC have a right to know.</p>
Mrs. Jacquelyn Wilson	Whispering Pines	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to write about the issue of voter ID requirements. On Saturday, September 25, 2010, I witnessed about nine hundred illegal aliens getting Mexican passports and Matricula Consular ID cards. This was at Concord High School in Concord, North Carolina. These cards give the illegal aliens a form of identification to get a North Carolina drivers license, among other things.</p> <p>Why is this important? Having this identification and by lying on the voter registration packet to the question, "Are you a United States citizen?" enables the person to vote immediately and with an irretrievable ballot on the "one stop absentee ballot". This can be done from October 14 to October 30. The board of elections cannot check the authenticity of the registration in that short time frame. Evidently this is happening all over the United States. Therefore, it is my duty to tell everyone I can about these facts and hope we can have true and honest voting as guaranteed in the United States Constitution.</p>
Mrs. Liddy Wilson	Charlotte	<p>Are we going back to "Jim Crow" times? I am very suspicious that the Republicans are trying to take away peoples vote. This seems to come up with no firm data showing "voter fraud". Are you saying because someone does not have a driver's license that they can't vote, or that college voters are "not fully informed". Please, this is a ploy to hurt the Democrats in 2012 and beyond. Are you now going to take away I stop voting.</p>
Ms. Maureen Wilson	Wilmington	<p>Yes, absolutely ID should be presented at voter registration. A valid NC license, NC ID card, U.S. Passport, U.S. Military ID would be sufficient. All state residents should be able to apply for a NC state ID card.</p> <p>As the State Director for NCFIRE, I can tell you that document mills and thus document fraud is rampant. It is very easy to manufacture birth certificates, SS Cards, and even driver' licenses. However, by running a check on the voter ID application and comparing to photo ID presented, these ineligible voters will be revealed. I want to show photo ID at the poll. Please support voter ID.</p>
Dr. Terrence Wilson	Rocky Mount	<p>I support photo ID to VOTE for all of the obvious reasons</p> <p>there is no valid reason for someone to not possess some form of government issued photo identification card</p> <p>you need one to cash checks and to use credit cards, etc</p>
Ms. Tish Wilson	Zionville	<p>We did not elect people to the NC House and Senate to play politics - that is all this bill is!</p> <p>What is the evidence of the so-called "voter fraud" problem? What counties have a problem? Fix it on a local level IF there is even a problem!</p> <p>Why spend money on another political ploy at a time when we need to be making jobs?</p>
Mr. Larry Wohlers	Fleetwood	<p>Current voter's registration is good enough. Having to produce original birth certificates and s/s cards is a bad idea.</p>
Mr. Ron Woodard	Cary	<p>Voter ID legislatioin is important. We must make the NC driver's license more secure, since it is a major ID for voter registration and would be a primary ID in the future for voting. See below for some common sense additions to any Voter ID bill.</p> <p>Require a valid passport with unexpired stamp as mandatory for all non-citizens to apply for a NC driver's license. State law should mandate that a NC driver's license is only available to those legally present in the USA. A driver's license or ID from another state cannot be used as an ID for non-citizens. Do not allow the Matricula Consular card as a valid document for DMV. School registration records and diplomas should not be accepted as ID documents for non-citizens (easily forged). Because there are an estimated 200,000 illegal aliens in North Carolina with earlier issued NC driver's licenses, we must rescind all NC driver's licenses issued to those without a valid Social Security number before 2010 [in the DMV database as 999-99-9999] and have them reapply within ninety days.</p>
Mr. Julius Wooten	Pinetops	<p>I strongly support a voter reform bill that requires a photo I D.</p> <p>Julius Wooten</p>
Mr. Arnold Wright	Raleigh	<p>We need Voter ID --I urge any Representative that reads this - please do your job---Fruad had gone on long enough--Vote yes on this bill</p>

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Mr. Wayne Wright	Rockingham	I'm in favor of this voter ID requirements legislation.
David Wynn	Maggie Valley	NC needs qualified voter identification.
Dr. Vikki Yeghoyan	Charlotte	<p>This bill is outrageous. Once again, the Republicans are targeting the poorest, most vulnerable citizens, so that they (the Republicans) will have a better chance at passing other bills that will hurt the poor and the vulnerable.</p> <p>I am a minister, and I am appalled that so many Republicans can call themselves Christian, because the Bible show a clear preferential option for the poor and the oppressed. Oh yeah, don't we claim to be a democracy???</p>
Mr. Steven Yevchak	Charlotte	I am totally IN FAVOR of requiring voters to provide either a valid, current Driver's License or a State-issued ID card prior to having them vote in ANY election. I have always been stunned that this wasn't ALREADY the case. Thank you.
anna young	belmont	why fix a wheel that work for everyone it took to meany years to get this far I thought we had a buget problem put that money in the school and keep the job that the election boards have and get more staff if you have to who are we paying to think like this have they ever worked the polls please think of the voter they are the pay master give us some kind respect
Mr. Edwin Young,III	Kittrell	I BELIEVE IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME TO REQUIRE A LEGALLY APPROVED PHOTO ID FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS AS IDENTIFICATION BEFORE THE PRIVILEGE OF VOTING. POSITIVE AND INDISPUTABLE IDENTIFICATION SHOULD BE REQUIRED AND PENALTIES OF SIGNIFICANT FINES AND LONG TERM INCARCERATION SHOULD FOLLOW ILLEGAL USE OR POSSESSION OF COUNTERFEIT ID'S, DUPLICATIONS AND OTHER FALSE USE.
Mr. Peter Yurgel	Delco	<p>Dear Committee members, I do not understand the objections to requiring a photo ID to vote. Just about every transaction we do requires a photo ID. We need them to drive, to bank, apply for employment, etc. This measure should dramatically decrease voter fraud. It should not put any undue burden on the poor as the ID's could be issued through social services. If photos are not already on WIC cards, then perhaps they should be as well.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Peter R. Yurgel Delco, NC 28436</p>
Mr. David Zendels	Raleigh	I strongly oppose the idea that someone needs a photo id to be able to vote. I recently tried to help a senior citizen who attempted to get a photo ID from motor vehicles and the requirements were onerous and it was impossible to comply with motor vehicles requirements to get such an ID. This proposed law should not be approved.