

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and committee members,

I would like to talk to you about Russia and Ukraine, but first, I want to ask you a question:

When you walked into the building this morning, did you have to show your I.D.?

The answer, of course, is, “yes,” but why? To show that you have a right to participate in the civil process. Entering a government building is just one of the numerous places that a valid I.D. is required. I have a list here of 76 such places, and before everybody runs away, no, I’m not going to read the whole thing.

## When Valid IDs Are REQUIRED:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Driving</li><li>• Boarding an Airplane</li><li>• Purchasing a Car</li><li>• Getting a Car Registration</li><li>• Renting a Car / Boat / Jet Ski / etc.</li><li>• Buying Insurance</li><li>• Buying Train Tickets</li><li>• Obtaining a Passport</li><li>• Picking up mail from FedEx, UPS, Post Office, etc.</li><li>• Renting Tools / Furniture / Equipment</li><li>• Visiting a Doctor's Office / Hospital</li><li>• Getting Outpatient Testing</li><li>• Donating Blood</li><li>• Getting a Prescription</li><li>• Buying Certain OTC Cold Medications, and products like nail polish remover</li><li>• Applying for a Job</li><li>• Applying to School</li><li>• Applying for a Professional License</li><li>• Getting Married</li><li>• Check Out a Book from the Library</li><li>• Joining the Military</li><li>• Adopting a Child</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transacting with a Bank</li><li>• Sending a Wire Transfer</li><li>• Applying for Online Banking</li><li>• Applying for Store Credit</li><li>• Establishing a Utilities Account (Water / Light / Electric / Cable / Gas / etc.)</li><li>• Cashing a Check</li><li>• Getting a Credit Card</li><li>• Opening a Retirement Account</li><li>• Applying for a Mortgage</li><li>• Buying a House</li><li>• Applying for Apartment Rentals</li><li>• Renting a Hotel Room</li><li>• Buying a Cell Phone</li><li>• Going to Court</li><li>• Entering Federal Buildings</li><li>• Getting a Business License</li><li>• Getting a State ID</li><li>• Cashing In a Large Lottery Ticket Win</li><li>• Obtaining Medicare / Medicaid</li><li>• Applying for Food Stamps</li><li>• Applying for Welfare</li><li>• Applying for Unemployment</li><li>• Using Social Security Services</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Applying for Section 8 Housing</li><li>• Applying for a H-1B Visa, or Green Card</li><li>• Holding a Rally or Protest</li><li>• Buying a Firearm</li><li>• Adopting a Pet</li><li>• Applying for a Hunting License</li><li>• Applying for a Fishing License</li><li>• Joining a Gym</li><li>• Using Pawn Shops</li><li>• Buying Annual Tickets to Amusement Parks</li><li>• Entering Night Clubs</li><li>• Volunteering at Non-Profit Organizations</li><li>• Voting in a Union Election</li><li>• Buying Cigarettes</li><li>• Buying Liquor</li><li>• Visiting a Casino</li><li>• Buying an "M"-Rated Video Game</li><li>• Going to Jail</li><li>• Participating in Outdoor Activities Like Sky diving, Bungee Jumping, etc</li><li>• Participating in Political Events</li></ul> |
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## When Valid IDs Are NOT Required:

Voting

Those last few are programs specifically designed to help underprivileged groups, especially minorities. How is it not discriminatory for these programs to require I.D., but it is for voting?

In fact, I have heard several black Americans take offense at the argument, saying it implies they are too ignorant to get an I.D. This view is reflected in a recent Rasmussen poll, which found that a whopping 73% of black voters want voter I.D, as well as 81% of non-whites, and 75% of all Americans.

I have another list – nobody leave! – of 114 full or partial democratic countries that require I.D. to both register to vote and to vote.

**Full or partially democratic countries that require ID to register to vote or cast a ballot on election day in all districts**

✓ Iceland	✓ India	✓ Romania	✓ Malawi
✓ Sweden	✓ Taiwan	✓ Mongolia	✓ Kenya
✓ New Zealand	✓ Chile	✓ Lesotho	✓ Liberia
✓ Denmark	✓ Belgium	✓ Serbia	✓ Uganda
✓ Canada	✓ Cyprus	✓ Malaysia	✓ Macedonia
✓ Ireland	✓ Slovenia	✓ Sri Lanka	✓ Madagascar
✓ Switzerland	✓ Lithuania	✓ Hong Kong	✓ Turkey
✓ Finland	✓ South Africa	✓ Tunisia	✓ Kyrgyzstan
✓ Australia	✓ Jamaica	✓ Singapore	✓ Bhutan
✓ Luxembourg	✓ Latvia	✓ Namibia	✓ Thailand
✓ Netherlands	✓ Slovakia	✓ Paraguay	✓ Bosnia and Herzegovina
✓ Germany	✓ Timor-Leste	✓ Guyana	✓ Nepal
✓ Austria	✓ Greece	✓ Senegal	✓ Lebanon
✓ Malta	✓ Panama	✓ Papua New Guinea	✓ Nicaragua
✓ United Kingdom	✓ Trinidad and Tobago	✓ Moldova	✓ Morocco
✓ Spain	✓ Bulgaria	✓ Zambia	✓ Burkina Faso
✓ Mauritius	✓ Indonesia	✓ Georgia	✓ Venezuela
✓ Uruguay	✓ Argentina	✓ Honduras	✓ Sierra Leone
✓ Japan	✓ Philippines	✓ Guatemala	✓ Nigeria
✓ Italy	✓ Brazil	✓ Albania	✓ Palestine
✓ Cape Verde	✓ Poland	✓ Ecuador	✓ Pakistan
✓ France	✓ Suriname	✓ Tanzania	✓ Cambodia
✓ South Korea	✓ Ghana	✓ Bangladesh	✓ Myanmar
✓ Costa Rica	✓ Croatia	✓ Montenegro	✓ Iraq
✓ Botswana	✓ Hungary	✓ Ukraine	✓ Mozambique
✓ Portugal	✓ Dominican Republic	✓ Mali	✓ Haiti
✓ Israel	✓ Colombia	✓ Benin	✗ United States
✓ Estonia	✓ Peru	✓ Fiji	
✓ Czech Republic	✓ El Salvador	✓ Bolivia	

Russia isn't on the list. Big surprise, they don't want honest elections. But the U.S. isn't on it, either. We should not be in the same category as Russia. For that reason, and to support American voters of all races, I urge you to support this bill.

Thank you.

Rasmussen's findings are supported by those of a [national survey of U.S. voters](#) conducted by the Honest Election Project, which revealed that 77% support voter I.D. requirements, including strong majorities of Blacks (64%) and Hispanics (78%). This survey also found that 64% of voters "want to strengthen voting safeguards to prevent fraud, rather than eliminate them to make voting 'easier.'"