

# Testimony For HB0091

Honorable Delegates

Please vote for HB0091.

Those who opposed this bill last year all claimed that requiring the use a valid government-issued photo ID or accepted alternative would be difficult to obtain and thus discriminatory and would hinder voting by minorities, elderly, poor, and disabled.

This is a tired trope. They are needed for a large list of every day uses such taking trips, buying alcohol or buying cigarettes. IDs are needed for medical visits.

Many states have recently required photo ID for voting and I have not heard of any story showing the voting participation decreased. I thought that voting participation actually increased after these laws were passed.

If I had learned sooner about the hearing for this bill, I would have had time to research this issue. Hopefully, someone else will provide this information in their testimony or your staff will have the time to confirm by contention.

It is time to reject these unfounded fears as almost everyone should have photo IDs.

Please vote for HB0091.

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