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Details: Public Hearing held in Green Bay, Wisconsin on March 7, 2005
(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2005-06

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on Labor and Election Process Reform...

COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

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- Public Hearings ... **PH**

INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
 - (**ab** = Assembly Bill) (**ar** = Assembly Resolution) (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
 - (**sb** = Senate Bill) (**sr** = Senate Resolution) (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

Senator Reynolds, Members of the Hearing Committee:

My name is Patricia Finder-Stone (985 N. Broadway, De Pere, WI). I am Action Chair of the League of Women Voters of Greater Green Bay, and state Vice President of the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups. I am speaking on behalf of both groups today in opposition to the Voter ID bills.

Eighty five years ago, the League of Women Voters was founded to promote open, accountable representative government at every level, protecting and enhancing voting rights for all citizens, and assuring opportunities for citizen participation. Because the **right of every citizen to vote has been our basic principle** over the years, we strongly oppose any effort to diminish that right!

Wisconsin has had a reputation of fairness, honesty, and integrity with a **history** of inclusive and fair elections. These bills would demolish that reputation and would put us on a par with South Carolina with the most restrictive Voter ID laws on the books.

They present a bureaucratic nightmare for voters who must show a photo ID, and if they don't show it, their vote won't count unless they return to the polls later that day with it, or bring it back to the clerk's office the next day. If they are exempt from the photo ID, the process to claim an exemption is fraught with challenges.

CWAG has particular concerns about barriers for elderly and disabled persons. Right now about 85000 WI residents are elderly voters with no driver's license or photo ID. This proposal would require them to **go** to the DMV to get a card and many have trouble even getting to a doctor's appointment.

I helped register elderly voters in my apartment complex this past election who were too frail to get to the polls. These folks would not fit your definition of "indefinitely confined" in your amendments. They and many others may decide not to vote if they have to confront the regulations you propose in these bills. So many other questions arise that we shudder to think of the number of citizens who would no longer be able to cast a vote that counts.

Another issue - homeless individuals would have to **go** to the DMV for a photo ID. An impossible task for some! Are you aware that 23% of the nation's homeless have served in the armed forces? As a veteran, I can't **believe** that **any** veteran should have to **fight for the right to vote!!!**

In closing, let me comment on the reported irregularities in registration lists, voter totals, etc. The Legislative Audit Bureau is in the **process** of review, but that audit has **not** been completed. Why are you rushing to pass a bill before problems are **specifically** identified? It seems that many of the problems which we have heard of are incorrect election procedures - process errors - and **not** the fault of the voters!!!

We strongly urge you, as our elected representatives, to **oppose** this ill founded Voter ID legislation. Rather, we ask you to determine carefully how to maintain election procedures that continue to encourage the right of citizen participation. We will appreciate your thoughtful consideration of our request. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

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Organization: WI State Senate

Contact: Scott Nelson

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Room requested: ~~Auditorium~~ ^{LARGE MEETING ROOM}

Estimated size of group:

Date requested: ~~Tuesday~~, March ~~7~~ ^{MONDAY} 7

Time: 12 pm

Meeting begins at: 12 pm (time) **and ends at:** 6 pm (time)

Topic or subject of meeting:

Non-Profit Status:

If YES, Non-Profit Number:

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Meeting open to public: Yes

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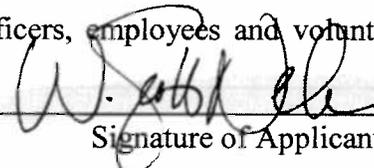
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Green Bay Public Hearing
Speakers

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Against

For
Info.
Purpose

Michael Monson	X		
Patricia Finder-Stone		X	
Nathan Sooy		X	
Rachel Greiert		X	
Taylor Matsen		X	
Terry Ewing		X	
Pat Pehspan Weso		X	
Dave Minton		X	
Curt Andersen		X	
Michelle Olman	X		
Rob Miller	X		
Andre' Jacque	X		
Rebecca Katers		X	
David Nelson	X		
Tyler Vorpapel	X		
James Biese		X	
David Braga			
Bill Clancy		X	
David Braga		X	
Kathy Lefebure		X	
William Nauta	X		