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**Griffiths, Terri**

**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 1:45 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter I.D. Hearing

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lisa Bell [mailto:wired-fox@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 1:37 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter I.D. Hearing

Dear Representative Freese:  
Re: Voter I.D.

I thank you and your colleagues for your persistence in once again bringing this important issue into the public forum.

As one of the coordinators for the Bush-Cheney campaign in Racine County, we had, at any given time on election day, somewhere between 150-200 people on the ground at polling locations since the integrity of our voting system was suspect due to the potentially illegal registration drives being conducted in our area. This is an increase of about 300% over the number of pollworkers during the 2002 election between Sen. Plache and Cathy Stepp. What will it be in 2006? At what point do we realize that something's broken and it needs fixing? Perhaps only that point will come if the tide turns and both sides have more to fear from fraud than gain.

Most of my efforts in the Bush campaign centered around GOTV efforts. Hopefully others will contact you with some of the stories of voter irregularities in our area, but you may find this story helpful: Three years ago at the Town of Caledonia Annual Budget Meeting there was a vote to overturn the board's proposed budget which would have raised the levy almost 11% on top of double digit (average was about 25%) reassessments that year. The vote was very close, something like 100-95, and there was some question of the validity of the vote since no proof of Caledonia residency had been required to attend the meeting. Citizens reduced the levy to a 3% increase, infuriating some on the board.

Since that time, led by our Democrat Town Chair, Susan Greenfield, PHOTO I.D. IS REQUIRED at ALL meetings where citizens will have a vote. In fact anyone attending who does not have appropriate i.d. is segregated to a different section of the meeting hall!

The process is working quite smoothly and I've yet to hear of a single complaint from anyone being disenfranchised. Coincidentally, a large portion of those attending these meetings are senior citizens. Oh, as an aside, our town's infrastructure did not come crashing down because there wasn't an 11% increase in the budget!

I attended the election reform hearings four years ago, but will be unable to this year. Please continue with your efforts! Although I don't believe photo I.D. is the final solution to ensure fair elections in Wisconsin, it would certainly be a great place to start and you have my complete support.

Thank you.

Lisa Bell  
11918 Four Mile Road  
Franksville, Wisconsin 53126  
262-835-1707  
[wired-fox@earthlink.net](mailto:wired-fox@earthlink.net)

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:37 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

From: Pamela A. Mundling [mailto:pamers@quixnet.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 10:07 PM  
To: Rep.Freese  
Subject: Voter ID

Dear Legislators,

I would like to tell you why I support Picture Identification for voters.

First and foremost, it protects the privilege of voting of those who have earned that privilege. You see although I was born and raised an American, I had the opportunity to live in a communist country for a while. It was both educational and humbling for me. Those folks have few choices, and the opportunity to have a say in who governs is quite precious. I want to protect that privilege without adding a bunch of bureaucratic garbage to the process that does nothing except annoy people.

Picture ID's (with the current name and address of the individual) are inexpensive for the majority of us, and could be obtained at no charge for those experiencing rough economic times.

Allow me to counter some of the "con" arguments:

1. The cost factor was just addressed.
2. The disenfranchise argument is easily overcome, if a person is homeless, they don't have an address therefore they do not have a voting district, therefore they do not have the privilege of voting. Welfare recipients must have ID to begin benefits and cash checks.
3. The elderly argument is also invalid. My mother is elderly and blind, she does not have a drivers license, she does however have a Picture Identification Card in order to receive her Medicare "entitlements".
4. Now for the final lie people have been told: Picture ID will slow down the check in lines at the polls. I am a Chief Inspector (aka: Polling Chairman). I can tell you that Picture ID's are more likely to speed the process than slow it down. Polling places do not have the best acoustics, and often there are conversations in the polling room. (At my polling place, we have two districts in the same room). Also, many voters are prepared to show picture id anyway. But the best part is, the Voter will present the Picture Identification with their name spelled correctly and current address and we can quickly look everything up and verify it. I've seen three different ways to spell "Schmidt", "Shmidt", or "Shmitt", and they all have spouses and voting age children in the district and do not come in together (try doing that all day based on people spelling their name for you). There are many examples of names I could give but I've made my point.

I strongly urge bi-partisan support for Picture Identification with Current Address. I see no reason an honest politician wouldn't want it.

Thank you for your time and your work on this issue.

Pamela Mundling  
7327 Eleventh Ave  
Kenosha Wisconsin 53143

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:31 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Please support voter ID requirement

-----Original Message-----

From: grc@uwm.edu [mailto:grc@uwm.edu]  
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:30 AM  
To: Rep.Freese; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
Subject: Please support voter ID requirement

Dear Representatives,

My name is Gerry Callison, and while I enrolled in graduate school in another state, I am very concerned about the condition of the state which I plan to return to upon graduation. From the tire slashings by Michael Pratt and Supreme Solar Allah (Moore's kid) to the 7,000 person discrepancy between people who voted and votes cast, the process of voting in Wisconsin is in crisis.

Requiring voter ID is a step in the right direction. While steps must be taken to insure that pole workers themselves are not in cohorts with corrupt politicians, this measure can clearly play a key role in preventing ballot box stuffing. Surely, nobody wants to see electioneers going into grave yards and casting votes on behalf of dead people, which occurred in Chicago.

So please support the photo ID requirement. Doing so will be the first step in taking our state off of the road to disaster.

Gerry Callison

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:34 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jndbowers@cs.com [mailto:Jndbowers@cs.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 10:40 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID

Dear Representative Freese,

Our names are Jim & Deb Bowers. We are both on the 1st District Republican Executive Committee, the Waukesha County Republican Executive Committee, and the Southeast Branch Republican Club Board. Furthermore, Deb is on the Waukesha County Republican Women Board, and is one of Senator Tom Reynolds' aides. We are forwarding this memo to endorse the voter id bill both houses are working on passing.

Sincerely, Jim & Deb Bowers

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:35 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Photo ID for Voting

-----Original Message-----

From: SAlcott740@aol.com [mailto:SAlcott740@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 5:47 PM  
To: Rep.Freese  
Subject: Photo ID for Voting

Dear Sir:

I am very much in favor of your moving forward on Feb. 3 to enact legislation to tighten up WI's voting process. The ID requirement is but a first step in closing loop holes which make voter fraud too easy!! Do not let the nay sayers, including the editors @ MKE Journal/Sentinel cause you to soften your resolve. Go for it! Every fraudulent vote you help prevent is a protection which will help validate all legitimate votes - including mine and yours!

/s/ Shelby Alcott, 9221 W. Barnard Ave., Greenfield, WI 53228

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:36 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dan Clauser [mailto:ibclauser@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:52 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** ID

I would like to have a photo ID and purple finger ink necessary on election day.

Dan Clauser  
Someone Who Only Voted Once

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what he cannot keep  
to keep what he cannot lose. -- Jim Elliot

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 12:51 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Pam Kirk [mailto:pamkirkwi@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 12:47 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID

Please pass a voter ID bill this session! It is just ridiculous that our state doesn't require proof of who you are to vote!

Pam Kirk  
Menomonee Falls

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:57 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID Cards

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sean Cranley [mailto:scanley@chemreport.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:29 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** Voter ID Cards

What you are doing is a cynical attempt to deter disadvantaged citizens from voting and disenfranchise people. Why don't we dye people's fingers when they vote like they did in Iraq and Afghanistan to make sure they only vote once? Seems a lot simpler. Personally, I'd where the dye as a badge of honor for performing my civic duty. Here's another idea. The state has to reregister all voters anyway for the statewide database, why not take a digital photo at that time and add it to the database to ensure proper ID?

Sean Cranley  
N 6395 E. Paradise Rd.  
Burlington, WI 53105  
(262) 767-1324

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 12:18 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Election Commonsense Changes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Thomas Bartkus [mailto:bartkust@wi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 12:01 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Election Commonsense Changes

I encourage you & the committee to use commonsense & change our election rules to include voter ID cards (with our picture on) just like we have on our charge cards etc. There should be no voter registration on election day (primary election OK.) I don't understand how we can have election fraud if every voter has to show 2 forms of proof that they are who they say they are and show proof that they live at that address (electric bill, telephone bill etc.) .Please use your influence because we look foolish trying to show other countries how to vote properly and we can't get it right here. Each state should have the same rules and easy voting. Why not move voting to an entire weekend to really make it easy for voters. LYNN BARTKUS

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 1:58 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Please do NOT pass the Photo ID bill

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lynette Lo [mailto:lynettelo@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 1:54 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** Please do NOT pass the Photo ID bill

Dear Representative:

I am writing to implore you to vote against the Photo ID bill. Please let me explain why this is so important. During the last election I had the privilege of working on a get-out-the-vote campaign in the Hmong community. We worked with many Hmong elders who for the first time in their lives exercised their right as US citizens to cast a vote in the democratic process. Many of these elders did not have a photo id and they would not have been able to exercise their right to vote if this were a requirement.

We need to encourage voter participation in our democracy, not think of new ways to put obstacles in the people's way. Please oppose this bill.

Respectfully,  
Lynette Prieur Lo

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 3:37 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID hearing

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Caithness Olson [mailto:caithness@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 3:33 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID hearing

Dear Representative Freese:

I am unable to attend the hearing in Madison on Thursday, February 3, but I wanted to let you know that both my husband and I are very much in favor of enacting some type of law that would require the use of a photo ID to vote in Wisconsin. I am just sickened by all the numbers coming out of Milwaukee County of votes that were cast this past November that seem, at best, highly suspect.

Thank you for taking this issue up and I hope that this legislature is able to come together to protect the sanctity of every legal voter's right to vote.

Sincerely,

Caithness K. Olson  
4740 N. Hollywood Ave.  
Whitefish Bay, WI 53211

CC: Representative Sheldon Wasserman

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:00 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW:

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Stacey Stanich [mailto:staceys@wi.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 3:54 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:**

Please pass a bill to make it mandatory to have a valid, photo ID when voting.

Stacey Stanich  
3404 Roosevelt Road  
Kenosha, WI 53142

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:00 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: I support the Voter ID bill

-----Original Message-----

From: dona@wi.net [mailto:dona@wi.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 3:44 PM  
To: Rep.Freese  
Subject: I support the Voter ID bill

I wholeheartedly support passage of the Voter ID bill.

Wisconsin is a laughingstock of the country in regard to our lax voting laws. We are also a magnet for those who would commit fraud from neighboring states, and sometimes even further away, as they experienced in Kenosha this past election.

When I tell relatives from other states such as New York, that you don't even have to show an ID to vote and that you can register simply by having someone vouch for you, they think I must be mistaken....they simply can't believe it.

There is no doubt in my mind that anyone who opposes higher standards for voting is in on the cheating, because there is simply no reasonable excuse to not require an ID. I am also concerned about how we psychologically have cheapened what it means to vote, by being so lacksidaisical about it. Voting should feel important. You should have to register ahead of time. You should feel pride and privilege when you enter the voting booth. You should have to prove you have the right to do so, and take pride in that ability.

Dona Poelman  
2935 Forest View Circle  
Yorkville, WI 53126  
262-835-4531

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:02 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: I support Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bob Trapp [mailto:bobtrapp@wi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 3:40 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** I support Voter ID

In case I don't make there on Thursday

Robert and Jennifer Trapp  
29412 Silver Lake Road  
Salem, WI

We support the end of voter fraud in Wisconsin

We also think the voter ID bill should include NO MORE same day registration

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:02 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jeff Albrecht [mailto:jalbrecht@wi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:02 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Support for Voter ID

Representative Freese,  
Although I will be unable to attend the hearing I wish to weigh in on the issue of Voter Identification. I feel it is imperative to know who it is that presents themselves to vote. We ask for ID for virtually everything else without question. We surely want every LEGITIMATE vote to count....nothing less but nothing more either. I strongly urge the passage of a bill to require ID before being issued a ballot.  
Thank you,

Jeffrey Albrecht  
President  
Village of Silver Lake, Kenosha County, Wisconsin  
Voice: 262.889.8109  
Fax 262.889.8857

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:18 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** J. Urbanski [mailto:jamesurbanski@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:06 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** voter ID

we need to have voter ID cards not only to keep the elections above board  
but also to have informed voters casting ballots -

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:19 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter Photo ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mary Albrecht [mailto:maryalbrecht@wi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:18 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter Photo ID

Representative Freese,

I aggressively support the need for voter photo ID's. No reasonable explanation exists for not proving who you are in order to vote.

I have spent many hours with elderly people and the ones I know would welcome the opportunity for a family member or political party member to give them a ride to do this very important thing.

Political parties will rally just as they do to get the vote out - to get their supporters I.D'd. This is a one-time thing to protect the integrity of our elections, not an inconvenience.

It will be a sign of pride and patriotism to present myself at the polls and say my name is Mary Albrecht, I live at 112 W. Maple Street in Silver Lake, Wisconsin and I'm here to vote my conscience, here's my voter ID, please let my vote count.

Mary Albrecht

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:30 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** robert geason [mailto:bob46jackie40@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:29 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** ID

**This note is to express my support for the Voter ID plan put out there by Jeff Stone and Joe Leibham in case I am unable to make the hearing Thursday. You need to get the heads of Wirch and Kreuser out of the sand.**

**Bob Geason  
440 Edward St  
Burlington, Wisconsin 53105  
262-763-8503**

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:03 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Support Voter ID Bill

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jan Glas (s) [mailto:jglas@cap.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 8:19 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Support Voter ID Bill

Dear Rep. Steve Freese,  
I fully support the voter ID bill that you will act on this Thursday. Enacting a voter ID requirement is a wise one for Wisconsin (and all states).

Thank you.  
Jan Glas, 21410 15th Street, Union Grove WI 53182  
262-497-5197

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:04 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: yes for voter id

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Stalker, Mark [mailto:Mark.Stalker@HallmanLindsay.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 6:18 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** yes for voter id

Please move forward your bill for voter id, and consider including ending election day registration. In almost every press report about the areas currently being questioned it always says "poll workers were overwhelmed by those wishing to register"... on election day.

Cutting off election 7-10 days ahead of election would help to alleviate some of the problems. Obviously, a picture ID will alleviate many other problems. It is also important to require election officials to send out a voter card to be certain all information is truthful, and penalties must be enforced.

Thank you for your efforts,

Respectfully,

Mark Stalker  
2902 35th Street  
Kenosha, WI 53140  
262-945-3611

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:08 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Photo ID for voting

-----Original Message-----

From: Vicki Ash [mailto:vja54601@webtv.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 10:37 PM  
To: Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
Subject: Photo ID for voting

Dear Legislators:

It is commendable that you are on a committee for a bill requiring photo ID for voting. However, that doesn't go far enough. I took a Hmong woman to the polls in November and she said she was a US citizen, showed her driver's license and was allowed to vote.

I know the DMV issues state ID's and drivers' licenses to illegal aliens because I called and discussed the issue with them. They said that as long as the person has a Wisconsin address, they can get the ID's and drivers' licenses even though the DMV knows they are here illegally. I think you are putting the cart before the horse. The DMV issue should be covered first.

Vicki Ash  
W5585 County Road MM #125  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:08 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID in Wisc

-----Original Message-----

From: Michelle L Anderson [mailto:anderson6502@juno.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 8:10 PM  
To: Rep.Freese  
Subject: Voter ID in Wisc

Representative Freese:

I write to tell you that I am astounded at the voter registration requirements in this state. I have been informed that you are an integral part of a public hearing regarding voting requirements and/or a voter ID recommendation/bill that is scheduled to take place 3 February.

I strongly support a measure that would require voters in this State to produce a recent and meaningful identification as a pre-condition to voting. The public now displays a greatly eroded sense of privilege about voting, and there are far too many examples of people and organizations too willing to compromise reasonable and historic assumptions about the requirements of citizenship and participation in this democratic republic. Their propensity to violate the integrity of the voting privilege is too easily abetted by Wisconsin's porous and elastic election laws. I am not one to favor legislation as a means to encourage morality, as no law can compel anyone to right behavior. Voting is a special circumstance. Those who vote with integrity must be protected from the egregious actions of others whose actions subvert the intent of voting and the very fabric of democratic procedures. A recent photo ID is, it seems to me, a non-invasive and readily acquired means to participate in the government of this State. I believe such a minimum would greatly reduce the occasions of voter fraud and chicane.

Thank you for your time,

Jan D Anderson  
6502 Third Avenue  
Kenosha

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:09 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** RLaCanne [mailto:rlacanne@wi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 7:45 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID

Not only do I support voter ID, I insist that it is passed. If Doyle dares veto this bill a full force attempt to destroy him should be made. I am sick and tired of my vote being canceled by scum who vote multiple times in the Democrat strong holds of Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine and Madison. Enough is enough.

Thanks you

**Ron C. La Canne**  
232 Bridge Street # 436  
Burlington, WI 53105  
E-Mail: [rlacanne@wi.rr.com](mailto:rlacanne@wi.rr.com)  
Home: (262) 767-0422  
Cell: (262) 492-2070

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:10 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID Support

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gerry Wallace [mailto:gerrywallace@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 6:28 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID Support

Representative Freese,

I am strongly for a picture ID for voters. I believe that voter fraud has been a part of Wisconsin politics entirely too long, and it needs to be done away with. Voter ID's would be an excellent start to end voter fraud.

Gerald C. Wallace, Jr.  
Kenosha, WI

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:10 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rosanne Kuemmel [mailto:rosanne@racinegop.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:54 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID

Dear Rep. Freese,

It is imperative that we have a voter photo ID requirement in Wisconsin. It is rather ironic that 2 forms of ID were required in Iraq, but we can't even get one. No one's vote is secure until we know that all votes are legitimate.

Thank you.

Rosanne Kuemmel  
4227 Harvest Ln  
Racine 53402

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:17 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Greta Menke [mailto:gdmenke@wi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 5:09 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** voter ID

Please do all you can to pass the voter ID bill. Have we already become another of the Chicago style "Vote early, Vote often" states?

Greta Menke  
8011 216th Ave  
Bristol Wisconsin 53104

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:23 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Vote ID Legislation

-----Original Message-----

From: Philip Fritsche [mailto:executivedirector@beaverdamchamber.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:13 AM  
To: Rep.Freese  
Cc: Rep.Fitzgerald; Sen.Fitzgerald  
Subject: Vote ID Legislation

Dear Campaigns & Elections Committee:

I am unable to attend your hearings today on re-proposed Voter ID legislation. I strongly urge your support to create this law in our state.

Our state's election process is ridiculously and unnecessarily lenient in how it allows individuals to register to vote. While I am in no way suggesting that we create barriers to voting, there is no circumstance under which you could convince a reasonable individual that a Voter ID (the majority of which would be substituted with valid drivers licenses I assume) would disenfranchise anyone, particularly with the state picking up the cost to pay for those that need it.

In a world where we cannot rent a \$2.95 movie from the local video store without a valid photo identification, how can we question the same sort of proof of who a person is when we are talking about their ability to legitimize or de-legitimize an election of a state representative, a governor, a federal legislator or even the President of the United States? It is incomprehensible.

Those that suggest it will disenfranchise anyone are either hiding behind known fraud or are fools.

It is insensibly easy to commit fraud, and in effect, steal or nullify the votes of legitimate, legal voters in our state.

I am among a large, and growing, portion of our state population that believes that voter fraud is not only being committed in Wisconsin on a huge scale, but that it actually has reversed the true outcome of the most recent presidential election (and maybe other recent elections). We will likely never be able to prove or disprove this theory, but you, as legislators, can do much to ensure that it can never happen (again or at all, depending on your perspective).

Make Voter Photo Identification the law in Wisconsin. Enact it into law so that it is veto proof, or rally a bi-partisan effort to override a gubernatorial veto. The citizens of Wisconsin deserve to know that their votes count, and that every vote counted is legal and legitimate.

Philip Fritsche  
Citizen of Beaver Dam

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:26 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: YES to Photo ID!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jennifer Trapp [mailto:jennifertrapp@wi.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 5:20 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** YES to Photo ID!

Dear Rep. Freese:

I will be attending the Photo ID bill hearing on Thursday, but I am not a public speaker, therefore I wanted to send my testimony via e-mail.

Please mark me down as an ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER of the Photo ID bill. One only has to look at the horrors that occurred in Milwaukee and elsewhere throughout the state over the last two election cycles to understand why we need voter reform in Wisconsin immediately.

The myriad of irregularities that occurred in Milwaukee in November 2004 are so frightful that the FBI and U.S. Attorney's office will be conducting an investigation. Incredibly, as reported in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, people were allowed to hand in same-day registration cards that had NO name or NO address filled in, but were still allowed to vote! How far will we let this craziness go in Wisconsin?

We need to restore integrity and confidence in our voting system. Requiring a photo ID is only the first step, in my opinion. We also need to eliminate same-day registration. I also advocate that we mark voters' fingers with indelible ink to prevent multiple same-day votes, as was done in Iraq. What a WONDERFUL, simple method to help thwart voting fraud!

To those who oppose photo ID with the excuse that it will somehow suppress voters' rights, I say hogwash. Photo IDs will be available free of charge to those few (VERY few) people who currently have no photo ID. There is no excuse not to support photo ID, which as I say is only the first minimal step we must take towards restoring people's faith our voting system. It is everyone's right to cast a legitimate ballot, but my right to vote is taken away by just one fraudulent vote.

And I would ask Milwaukee Mayor Barrett, which is worse, having some library materials stolen or one's vote stolen? As an aside, I haven't heard of any Milwaukee public library patrons claiming their right to read has been "disenfranchised".

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Trapp  
29412 Silver Lake Road  
Salem, WI 53168  
(262) 889-4556

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 12:29 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** joseph.perry@tds.net [mailto:joseph.perry@tds.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 2:37 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID

Dear Representative Freese:

Thank you for leading the effort to clean up the scandalous voter fraud in Wisconsin.

It is just as important to show an ID to vote as it is to get a library book, isnt' it?

Janice Hoey  
5133 22nd Avenue  
Kenosha, WI 53140

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:31 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Phto ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** margaret vaughan [mailto:mvaughan@madtown.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 10:31 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Phto ID

>  
>Dear Steve,  
>  
>If one is not a student, or if one has no driver's license, or if one does  
>not require it at one's place of work, then one can not present a photo ID  
>at the polls.  
>  
>These three criteria ARE NOT THE BASIS OF VOTING RIGHTS.  
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>To prevent repeat votes, a better way must be found!  
>  
>Margaret  
>mvaughan@madtown.net

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:34 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voting with photo ID

-----Original Message-----

From: Paul Schoenfeld [mailto:pmsdebris@charter.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 8:42 PM  
To: Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
Subject: Voting with photo ID

I see no compelling need to insert obstacles such as photo IDs into the voting process. The price this requirement would possibly exact in terms of impairing voter participation is too great. The potential benefit in terms of fraud prevention is too little. I like the voting process in Wisconsin just the way it is. The potential for criminal activity is much less in the process of voting than it is in the financing of campaigns.

In my opinion there is no need for the requirement of photo ID at the polls. I do not want to see this proposal enacted. I do want to see you following the lead of Maine in the state financing of clean campaigns. Worry about yourselves first.

Thank you.

Paul Schoenfeld  
1138 Cliffwood Lane  
La Crosse, WI 54601

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:34 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Photo ID for Voting

-----Original Message-----

From: Vicki Ash [mailto:vja54601@webtv.net]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 8:33 PM  
To: Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
Subject: Photo ID for Voting

I had originally thought that photo ID for voting would be at the polls only. Now it has come to my attention that this would also pertain to people in nursing homes, homebound people, etc. who would ordinarily vote by absentee ballot. I believe these segments of our population should be taken into consideration when writing this law and allowances made.

Thanks for your time.

Vicki Ash  
W5585 County Road MM #125  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 8:35 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: photo ID for voting

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kathy Neidert [mailto:kninwi@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:05 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Ambiguous Address Rep.Wood; Rep.Vos;  
Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** photo ID for voting

I am AGAINST requiring a photo ID to vote. We need to make it easier for citizens to vote not harder. Our election process will only become more corrupt if this is allowed. Please stand up for democracy and oppose this photo requirement! More than that, please do all you can to promote proper election reform. Thank you.

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** cocoon@mwt.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 6:14 PM  
**To:** Freese  
**Subject:** Photo ID Bill

Dear Chairman Freese,

We would like to register our opposition to this concept and practice. Are we turning into a police state?

Wisconsin has a progressive tradition of facilitating voting to encourage broader participation in our democracy. Let's not turn back the clock by creating hurdles that deny citizens their right to vote.

Sincerely,

Marcia Halligan & Steven Adams

S 4001 River Rd.

Viroqua, WI. 54665

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 3:51 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: voting reforms

-----Original Message-----

From: mheurion@uwm.edu [mailto:mheurion@uwm.edu]  
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 3:42 PM  
To: Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
Cc: mheurion@uwm.edu  
Subject: voting reforms

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding voting reforms. I learned that the legislation wants to require that citizens show a photo ID in order to cast a ballot. I believe this will hurt the democratic process by making it harder for individuals to vote. What makes WI great is its record on voting requirements--no ID necessary and being able to register on the day of election, just to name a couple. I urge you to NOT change these procedures because they allow Wisconsinites more accessibility to the voting process.

The voting reforms that we need to start enacting are:

- limits on campaign spending
- a measure to allow for greater media access (televised debates, radio debates, honest TV advertisements) for \*all\* candidates who are running, not just the richies

I thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

Megan Heurion--Wisconsin resident

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 3:52 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Photo ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Grace Richardson [mailto:gracerichardson@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 3:55 PM  
**To:** Freese  
**Subject:** Photo ID

Photo ID is a bad idea. Voting is a right for everybody not just a chosen few. Grace Rihardson  
7220 Fortune Dr. Middleton Wis. 53562

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 2:41 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose Photo ID Bill

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Carrie Santulli Schudda [mailto:cschudda@merr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 1:24 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Cc:** Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** Oppose Photo ID Bill

Dear Representative Freese:

I am writing to express my dismay that instead of working to truly remedy the threats to the integrity of our elections, the Assembly has chosen to fast-track legislation that will not cure the problem, but will only make it harder for ordinary citizens to vote.

As you are no doubt aware, every non-profit organization that has looked into the election fraud problem agrees on the cure--and it is not a scheme to make voting more difficult. Rather, those truly concerned with fair and honest elections agree that a voter verified paper ballot is crucial to insuring our nation's election integrity.

If you truly want real, effective reform, you and the rest of the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee will work on legislation to require a voter-verified paper trail for all ballots. That will protect us against fraud without discriminating against the elderly, the poor, and everyone else who doesn't happen to have a photo ID.

Or is the photo ID bill really a covert move toward a state or national ID system? I'm sure you can imagine how well *that* idea would go over in WI. It *is* still a free country, after all, isn't it? Let's try to keep it that way!

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Carrie Santulli Schudda  
510 Ash St.  
Oregon, WI 53575

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Verona  
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## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 2:37 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: photo identification bill Public Hearing Feb 3 Campaigns and Elections Committee

-----Original Message-----

**From:** John & Karen Wilson [mailto:jkwilson@itol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 2:28 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** photo identification bill Public Hearing Feb 3 Campaigns and Elections Committee

Dear Chairman Freese, and Committee Members:

As citizens of Wisconsin, we are strongly opposed to the proposed legislation which would require voters to show a photo ID to cast a ballot. What is needed is far different: legislation to reform our election procedures, to make sure all eligible are actually able to cast their vote, and that all their votes are counted.

We urge the committee to work for legislation that will correct the obvious abuses of the present system, which would include restrictions on money spent, effective ethics enforcement, and requirements for equal time on media for all candidates.

Sincerely,

John and Karen Wilson  
PO Box 347  
Egg Harbor, WI 54209

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 12:22 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: photo id

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Barbara Ostrowski [mailto:barbzero@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 12:10 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** photo id

I DO NOT support requiring a photo id for voting. If some evidence of residence is desired, a local bill such as a utility bill should do. Too many poor people would be UNABLE to vote if a photo id is required

Thanks  
Barbara A Ostrowski  
204 15th St  
Prairie du Sac WI 53578

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can change the world."  
Margaret Mead

**Richard, Rob**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:11 AM  
**To:** 'Sally Dahir'  
**Subject:** RE: Electoral reform: photo ID requirement  
Ms. Dahir:

Thank you for writing Rep. Freese to express your opposition to Assembly Bill 63, the Voter ID Bill. I will forward your objection to the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee clerk so it can be recorded, and I will make certain that Rep. Freese is aware of your concerns.

Again, thank you for contacting Rep. Freese and please feel free to call or write if we can be of further assistance on this or any other issue in the future.

Sincerely,

Rob Richard, Legislative Aide  
Office of Rep. Steve Freese

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Sally Dahir [mailto:dahirs@chorus.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 10:58 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** Electoral reform: photo ID requirement

I'm writing in opposition to the requirement for voter photo ID. I DO support campaign finance reform, especially public financing of our elections and using objective redistricting requirements, as in Iowa. I cannot attend the hearing on Thursday due to work but please note my objections.

Sally Dahir  
Work address 1:  
dahirs@chorus.net  
S11335 Seitz Rd  
Sauk City WI 53583  
608-544-3600

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:11 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** David Doering [mailto:[ddoering@scls.lib.wi.us](mailto:ddoering@scls.lib.wi.us)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:45 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID

Dear Mr. Freese:

The proposal for voter ID will make it difficult for people to vote. Why is it, that if Milwaukee can not get its election act together then must we all face more strident measures at the polls. Quit playing politics and if Milwaukee can not get it's election fraud under control, fine someone, God knows that there must be rules with penalties created by the legislature.

All this talk of election fraud is a slap in the face to us out here that have control of our polling places and take pride in seeing that everyone who is eligible to vote can and to make it easy for them to do so. In an ever increasing cynical public, Is this what we need?

David Doering, Clerk  
Village of La Valle  
Sauk County

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:57 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter IDs

-----Original Message-----

From: Joy Roberts [mailto:jroberts@cwa4603.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:51 AM  
To: Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
Cc: Sen.Kedzie; Rep.Nass  
Subject: Voter IDs

Dear Member of the Campaigns and Elections Committee,

Since I am unable to attend your committee's hearing on February 3, 2005 I would like to take this time to make my feelings known to you.

It is my opinion that by focusing on requiring photo voter IDs, the Legislature as a whole would be taking punitive action towards our state's voters. I oppose voter IDs. Our state has a proud progressive heritage when it comes to creating an environment that makes it easy for the electorate to vote.

The real issue is not voter fraud, but rather election fraud.

I ask you to quit side-stepping the real issues and get serious about meaningful election reform by enacting legislation that provides for public financing for all state elections and eliminates all corporate campaign contributions.

I would also like to see more candidate choices on the ballot. And while you yourself can not address that, I believe that because of the obscene amount of dollars required to run a campaign under the current trends that many competent citizens refuse to participate in state and local races, both as candidates and voters. State financed elections would change that by leveling the playing field and restoring voter confidence in our state election.

The way our legislative districts are currently structured also hinders competitive elections in my opinion. I encourage you to look to what Iowa has done in this regard, as an example.

I urge you and all of your peers in both the Assembly and the Senate to stop focusing on ways that will discourage the citizens of Wisconsin from engaging in the political process and instead show real leadership by addressing ways to encourage greater citizen participation.

Thank you for your time.

Joy R. Roberts  
N9648 Betts Rd.  
Eagle, WI 53119

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:58 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Reforms needed

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Andrew Cribben [mailto:andycribben@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:27 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** re: Reforms needed

Dear Legislators:

Your energy for reforming elections and voting is commendable and yet misdirected.

I would like to see you put your time and effort, as "representatives" of the people, into restoring competitive elections, providing for clean campaigns, and developing independent ethics enforcement, all of which will help to reopen the public square to ordinary citizens.

The voter ID cards may be a necessary addition, but unless you do something to address the above concerns you will have done little to address my concerns about whether we have a fair process for campaigning and voting.

Thank you,  
Andrew G. Cribben  
1016 N. Broadway  
De Pere, WI 54115  
(920)337-4333

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 2:58 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: voter fraud

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Dan Henderson [mailto:hendersondan@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 2:35 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** voter fraud

Dear Sir,

The issue of voter fraud needs to be. Most important, "is it happening?" Secondly, if it is occurring, is it affecting the result (if 100 votes in total are fraud, is it worth even addressing?)? In Oshkosh, NO id is required when voting; just give name and address. At first blush, it appears this system is ripe for abuse. But again, is it actually being abused? Photo id's sound good, but these are easily counterfeited. I'm unsure of the "answer" or if there is even a need, but photo id's sound restrictive, and ultimately not very foolproof. What we **DO NOT** need, are more laws and rules which restrict and/or inconvenience millions, and do not accomplish anything.

Respectfully,  
Dan Henderson  
Oshkosh

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 2:59 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: abandon the Photo ID bill

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dennis L REIFSTECK [mailto:swingcrew@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 1:35 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** abandon the Photo ID bill

Dear Members of the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee

I would like to encourage this committee to abandon the photo ID bill and focus on **competitive elections, clean campaigns and independent ethics enforcement**. This is what our state needs to reinvigorate democracy.

There seems to be a disconnect between what citizens want and what is being acted upon by our elected officials. I hear no noise from the citizenry about this subject of photo ID's.

People voted years ago now to clean up the moneyed political system which destroys our democracy. No action has been taken?????? Shouldn't this be your motivation as Members of the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee?

I have seen no resonable, "ethical" action from the state Elections Board. Let's make this a functioning, capable board. Something to have faith in, as opposed to a symbol of all that is wrong kown there at the capital.

reply requested

sincerely  
Dennis Reifsteck  
e10275 Xanadu Road  
po box 114  
Lake Delton WI 53940

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 3:19 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Rick Chamberlin [mailto:RChamberlin@madison.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 3:18 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID

Dear Representative Freese,

I am unable to attend the public hearing at the capitol on Thursday on the proposed Voter ID legislation, so I'm writing to let you know that I am opposed to the idea of requiring voters to present more ID. I think it would disenfranchise many poor and elderly voters by making it more difficult for them to vote.

Instead, I would like to see you back one or all of the reforms outlined in the agenda drawn up by the People's Legislature in early January. These reforms include full public financing of all state elections, mandating full disclosure of campaign contributions, non-partisan redistricting based on Iowa's system, combining the ethics and election boards, and preservation of local control and opposition to state imposed or constitutionally mandated spending limits.

These things, not Voter ID cards, will help restore true representative government to our state. Shouldn't we be making it easier for more people to participate in their government? The small amount of fraud in recent state elections does not warrant the kind of reactionary and regressive action proposed. We're not Ohio, after all.

Sincerely,

Rick Chamberlin  
Prairie du Sac

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 3:28 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: AGAINST photo ID required to cast a ballot

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Schwartz, Betty (BJ)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 2:21 PM  
**To:** Rep.Travis  
**Cc:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.Kessler; Rep.Vos; Rep.WoodJ  
**Subject:** AGAINST photo ID required to cast a ballot

I am very much AGAINST the legislation proposal in the state Assembly to make voting harder by requiring photo ID to cast a ballot.

Rather, I would like to see your energy (and my tax dollars paying you) spent by working on reforms restoring competitive elections, clean campaigns and independent ethics enforcement to reopen the public square to ordinary citizens.

We need more convenience measures to encourage voters, not deter them. It would be good to hold elections on weekends and over two days.

We need legislation merging the Ethics Board and Elections Board into a single enforcement agency under the direction of a politically independent board so they will stop generating goofy ideas that only help a few people in Wisconsin at the expense of everyone else. I understand this has been introduced this session as Senate Bill 1.

I want to see things put in place that allow for better, cooperative government that progresses in the goals of everyday needs of ALL citizens in Wisconsin. In the quest to make districts safe for current office holders, lawmakers have created lopsided districts that naturally produce fierce partisans who appeal only to voters on one side. We want bridge builders whose appeal crosses partisan boundaries. Please support legislation to clean up the way that our districts are created. If you are a decent, caring-of-all WI citizen's needs kind-of-politician, you will not have to worry about how your district is divided when it is divided fairly to include the diversity that it should include. We citizens are intelligent enough to vote for the best, most civic-minded public servants when we have that option.

Please help bring back a Wisconsin that is a great place for all of its citizens to live. Greed that serves only a few doesn't even yield a place that makes those few happy.

Sincerely,  
BJ Schwartz

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:19 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Election Reform in Wisconsin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gary Graper [mailto:graper@engr.wisc.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 3:59 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** Election Reform in Wisconsin

Dear Assemblypersons,

I strongly support election reform in Wisconsin. The partisan politics being played now and over the last few years is turning me and many fellow voters off. We must return to competitive elections, clean campaigns and independent ethics enforcement to maintain the democratic process in this state and encourage more people to vote rather than turning them off because they think that big moneyed interests wield all the power in government, and that politicians are nasty people in the pockets of only the wealthy. The gerrymandering now taking place is shameful and undermines the entire democratic process. Requiring photo IDs is not the best way to reform elections. Voter fraud should be investigated and vigorously prosecuted after it occurs to discourage others from doing it, but requiring photo IDs to vote is assuming guilt before it occurs, and this is a violation of our constitutional rights. Please emphasize real election reform to correct the real faults that are destroying democracy. Thank you for your attention.

Gary & Mary Graper  
Madison, WI

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:31 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Photo ID Voting Bill

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Eric Thompson [mailto:erict@trivest.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 4:30 PM  
**To:** Eric Thompson  
**Subject:** Photo ID Voting Bill

The Bill being considered by the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee of the Wisconsin State Assembly that will require a photo ID to vote is step in exactly the wrong direction.

The Committee should be working to restore competitive elections, clean campaigns and independent ethics enforcement to reopen the public square to ordinary citizens, not attempting to place road blocks in the voting process.

Democracy is about creating a government OF the people and BY the people, not trying to prevent people from participating in the election process.

Eric Thompson

N22297 Oak Ridge Dr

Galesville, WI 54630

608-582-2975

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:07 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID Bill

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mary Bean [mailto:marybean@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 11:03 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID Bill

To Rep. Freese and members of the Assembly Campaigns and Elections Committee

I am opposed to the Voter ID Bill which has a public hearing on Thursday. I believe such a requirement would be a hardship on precisely the groups of our citizens who are least likely to vote now - non-driving, yet alert elderly; low income workers and people in poverty (which often includes minorities).

Instead of adding to the process of voting, I think it would be much better and more productive to focus on

- 1) education of Special Election Deputies and Municipal Clerk's office staffs in the finer points of registering voters and thus reduce errors;
- 2) educating the voters and potential voters in their rights and responsibilities (including how to mark ballots, etc.) connected with voting
- 3) updating Wisconsin's campaign finance laws to include full public financing of elections, a ban on corporate campaign contributions, and full disclosure of political contributions.

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:08 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jemslink@aol.com [mailto:Jemslink@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 9:09 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voter ID

Dear Legislator, While I agree that voter fraud is a concern, it accounts for a very miniscule percentage of the turnout in WI. The disenfranchisement photo ID requirement would cause would far outweigh the solution to this trumped up problem. I believe voter disenfranchisement has been a goal of some partisans for a long time. I hope that WI can keep our current system which is so far ahead of the pack for maximizing voter participation in this state. Please vote against any attempts to make voting more difficult in this state. Sincerely, Jeanne Hinds 541 Woodside Terrace Madison WI 53711, 608-238-8750.

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:08 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voting Access

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kristen [mailto:wimhoa@netscape.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 01, 2005 8:44 PM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Voting Access

Dear Rep. Freese,

1. Why would you want to make it harder for citizens to vote, instead of freeing them up to encourage their participating in elections?
2. Why do you want to establish Big Brother in this state beyond what we already have in the way of lack of privacy by forcing ID cards on us?
3. Why aren't you and your Committee working to encouraging the act of citizen participation in elections, for instance, by making Voting Day a holiday, or even a half holiday in Wisconsin?

This idea of ID cards is all we need--one more piece of plastic in our billfolds!!

And that's what this idea is worth--plastic BS.

I hope you will find more creative ways to do something about the problems in this state--and I do mean REAL problems, like healthcare accessibility, healthcare controlled costs, universal single payer healthcare; jobs that pay more than \$5.15 an hour for jobs that have a future; making corporations and banks pay their fair share of taxes; keeping state employees employed so the rest of us can actually get government agencies to level the playing field instead of business always winning because they have all our money.

I encourage you to BRAINSTORM better ideas for your Committee. The ideas you've all put forth thus far don't pass the smell test.

Kristen Zehner  
Marshall WI 53559  
608-655-4573

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:09 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Photo ID Bill

-----Original Message-----

From: Sheryl Renslo [mailto:renslo@chorus.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 7:12 PM  
To: Rep.Freeze  
Cc: Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
Subject: Photo ID Bill

Reps. Freeze, Gundrum, Wood, Vos, Travis, and Kessler

On Jan. 4th, over 1100 people gathered from all over the state to take back our government. I was one of those people.

We came up with a reform agenda to work for: a) competitive elections, b) clean campaigns,  
c) independent ethics enforcement. . . . so that all of our citizens have ACCESS TO THEIR GOVERNMENT.

The photo ID bill further restricts people (in certain demographic groups, the aged, the homeless, the poor) from taking part in their government.

I urge you to look into reforms which would really do something for the state of Wisconsin's election system!!

Sincerely, Sheryl Renslo (McFarland, WI)

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:18 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: I'm very skeptical of any proposal to make it more difficult to vote. This includes the phot id proposal.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tom Kriegl [mailto:tkriegl@chorus.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 12:50 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** I'm very skeptical of any proposal to make it more difficult to vote. This includes the phot id proposal.

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**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:25 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Voter ID

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Otis-Wilborn [mailto:amyotis@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 7:55 PM  
To: Rep.Freese  
Subject: Voter ID

There are a number of issues that make these actions unfair to a number of individuals.

1. It certainly is easy for those of us who have some level of stability in our lives to a) have an address, b) stay at the address for a period of time, and c) have access to photo ids. This proposal does not take into consideration the fragile living circumstances of many of those who live in Milwaukee.
2. It is discriminatory and possibly even racist in that it will inequitably impact people who live in Milwaukee...poor people..... Racism is the purposeful oppression of a group of individuals based upon race...now, you can argue that it is based upon some other factor, but the fact of the matter is, the people who will be most affected by this are Black, Hispanic, and other minority groups that live in Milwaukee.
3. It is interesting that even before we know exactly what happened, there is a push to get this through. I found Stingle's article in the Sentinel quite interesting...having visited a few of the folks who were suspect as a party to voter fraud....in one case, it was transposing of numbers, in another, it was the city's error in not recognizing an actual STREET, in another case, the individual actually did live above the store. So, we are ready to change the law and make it more difficult for people to vote without evidence?

Please do not support this legislation.

Amy Otis-Wilborn

## Griffiths, Terri

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 10:10 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: AB re: voting ID

-----Original Message-----

**From:** jeanette mazur [mailto:jwmazur@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 9:57 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** AB re: voting ID

Honorable Representative Freese:

In the last 30 years while I worked at different polling places as a Registrar- I have never come across any difficulties regarding the request for identification. In Milwaukee we require two forms of ID with name and address usually any mail sent within the past 30 days with the elector's name and address on it. Most people use utility bills.

I believe if there were any errors it's because we were asked to let the patrons fill out the cards. Previously I would print their name and addressess. In fact, when I was transferring the elector's name and address to another form I couldn't make out their address!

Photos? Many people won't have access to photos and this just puts another burden on them to vote. In fact our library now requests photo I.D.'s when checking out books and I have been questioned many times since they don't think my driver's license photo looks like me.

Keep it simple. Make I.D. verification dependent on the U.S. Postal office. Have registrars fill out the registration cards using block printing. Make sure the clerical staffs at election boards are properly trained and supervised.

Last November half of the people who came to vote and always voted at the same ward etc., were not on the polling list because some goofus at City hall eliminated their names! Married people found that one of them was on the list and the other wasn't. Many complained of having to register again because of this problem. And it was due to somebody downtown not knowing what their doing...

Jeannette Mazur  
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Milwaukee, WI 53207

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 12:21 PM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: requiring photo ID for WI voters

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Nancy Kosseff [mailto:nancykosseff@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2005 11:42 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese; Rep.Gundrum; Rep.WoodJ; Rep.Vos; Rep.Travis; Rep.Kessler  
**Subject:** requiring photo ID for WI voters

Dear Representative,

I believe deeply in the importance of free and fair elections for our state. I am deeply opposed to the idea of requiring a photo ID for voting. This will create a formidable barrier for a great many eligible voters, including many elderly people, homeless individuals, and new residents of our state. Disenfranchising large numbers of legally eligible voters is in my view a giant step backwards. I urge you to focus on significant campaign finance reform and independent ethics enforcement as vehicles for restoring the integrity of our elections process and our citizens' faith in our state government.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Kosseff  
2306 Eton Ridge  
Madison, WI 53726

**Griffiths, Terri**

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**From:** Richard, Rob  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 9:21 AM  
**To:** Griffiths, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Maintain Wisconsin's Great Democratic Voting Process- No I.D.'s required to vote

-----Original Message-----

**From:** mary lalime [mailto:mvlalime@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2005 9:18 AM  
**To:** Rep.Freese  
**Subject:** Maintain Wisconsin's Great Democratic Voting Process- No I.D.'s required to vote

Dear Rep. Freese,

I have lived in Wisconsin for over ten years after residing in many states due to my family's career choices. Wisconsin is a great state, and different from some other states, is a citizen can register to vote on the same day of the election. This policy provides a great opportunity for citizens who haven't planned or perhaps, didn't think about voting until the day of the election which allows for more citizens to vote and have a voice in the selection of their representatives.

In addition, being able to vote without an ID is an essential right that needs to be maintained. There is a tradition in American politics where one should be able to vote, whether or not they have an I.D. Many of my peers feel strongly about this, is the Wisconsin legislature really ready to start excluding citizens from the voting process? Once the state begins to chip away at the basic rights of voters, where will it stop?

Maintaining democratic principles is a basic right for all citizens, please vote against requiring an I.D. to vote.

Thank you,

Mary Lalime

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