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HB 287-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL

287-FN

AN ACT

eliminating voter identification requirements.

SPONSORS:

Rep. Horrigan, Straf 6; Rep. Chase, Ches 8; Rep. Timothy Smith, Hills 17;
Rep. Moody, Rock 17; Rep. Winters, Hills 18

COMMITTEE:

Election Law

ANALYSIS

This bill eliminates voter identification requirements.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT eliminating voter identification requirements.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Election Fund Reimbursement. RSA 5:6-d, III is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

2 III. The secretary of state is authorized to accept, budget, and, subject to the limitations of
3 this paragraph, expend moneys in the election fund received from any party for the purposes of
4 conducting elections, voter and election official education, the purchase or lease of voting equipment
5 which complies with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252, election law
6 enforcement, and improvements to related information technology, including acquisition and
7 operation of an automated election management system. The secretary of state shall not expend any
8 moneys in the election fund unless the balance in the fund following such expenditures shall be at
9 least 15 times the estimated annual cost of maintaining the programs established to comply with the
10 Help America Vote Act of 2002, Public Law 107-252.

11 2 Identification Cards. RSA 260:21, V is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

12 V. The fee for such card shall be \$10 and is not refundable, except that no fee shall be
13 charged to any person who, for reason of health or age, turns in his or her driver's license before the
14 expiration date of such license. For purposes of this section, reasons of age shall be deemed to apply
15 only to those persons over age 65.

16 3 Statutes Posted. RSA 658:29 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

17 658:29 Statutes Posted. The secretary of state shall prepare and distribute copies of the
18 following RSA sections which the selectmen shall post or cause to be posted outside the guardrail in
19 the polling place at all elections: RSA 654:7-a, RSA 654:7-b; RSA 659:27, RSA 659:30, RSA 659:31,
20 RSA 659:32, RSA 659:34, RSA 659:35, RSA 659:37, RSA 659:38, RSA 659:40, RSA 659:41,
21 RSA 659:103; RSA 666:4, RSA 666:5, RSA 666:8. In addition, the secretary of state shall include any
22 other statutes or regulations that are required to be posted by state or federal law. The secretary of
23 state may also include statutes or regulations that, in the secretary of state's judgment, would aid a
24 voter in casting a vote or in contacting the appropriate official if the voter believes that his or her
25 voting rights are being violated.

26 4 Obtaining a Ballot. RSA 659:13 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

27 659:13 Obtaining a Ballot. A person desiring to vote shall, before being admitted to the enclosed
28 space within the guardrail, announce his or her name to one of the ballot clerks who shall thereupon
29 repeat the name; and, if the name is found on the checklist by the ballot clerk, the ballot clerk shall
30 put a checkmark beside it and again repeat the name. The ballot clerk shall state the address listed
31 on the checklist for the voter, and ask if the address is correct; if the address on the checklist is not

1 correct, the ballot clerk shall correct the address in red on the paper checklist and the supervisors of
2 the checklist shall cause the centralized voter registration database to reflect the correction. The
3 voter, if still qualified to vote in the town or ward, and unless challenged as provided for in
4 RSA 659:27 through 659:33, shall then be allowed to enter the space enclosed by the guardrail. After
5 the voter enters the enclosed space, the ballot clerk shall give the voter one of each ballot to be voted
6 on in that election which shall be folded as it was upon receipt from the secretary of state.

7 5 Wrongful Voting; Penalties for Voter Fraud. RSA 659:34, I-II is repealed and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 I. A person is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 if such person:

10 (a) When registering to vote; when obtaining an official ballot; or when casting a vote by
11 official ballot; makes a false material statement regarding his or her qualifications as a voter to an
12 election officer or submits a voter registration form, an election day registration affidavit, a qualified
13 voter affidavit, a domicile affidavit, a challenged voter affidavit, or an absentee registration affidavit
14 containing false material information regarding his or her qualifications as a voter;

15 (b) Votes more than once for any office or measure;

16 (c) Applies for a ballot in a name other than his or her own;

17 (d) Applies for a ballot in his or her own name after he or she has voted once;

18 (e) Votes for any office or measure at an election if such person is not qualified to vote as
19 provided in RSA 654; or

20 (f) Gives a false name or answer if under examination as to his or her qualifications as a
21 voter before the supervisors of the checklist or moderator.

22 II. A person is guilty of a class B felony if, at any election, such person purposely or
23 knowingly commits an act specified in subparagraph I(b). A person is guilty of a class A
24 misdemeanor if, at any election, such person purposely or knowingly commits any of the other acts
25 listed in paragraph I.

26 6 Repeal. The following are repealed:

27 I. RSA 33-A:3-a, CLVI, relative to retention of affidavits of religious exemption.

28 II. RSA 652:24 through RSA 652:26, relative to voter identification implementation.

29 III. RSA 658:29-a, relative to voter identification instructions.

30 IV. RSA 659:13-b, relative to affidavit of religious exemption.

31 V. 2012, 284:7 through 284:10, relative to voter identification.

32 VI. 2012, 284:12, relative to right-to-know exemption.

33 VII. 2012, 289:4, relative to voter identification.

34 7 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

HB 287-FN - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT eliminating voter identification requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of State indicates this bill, **as introduced**, will decrease state expenditures by \$158,960 in FY 2014, \$98,215 in FY 2015, \$102,747 in FY 2016, and \$105,983 in FY 2017. The Department of Justice, Judicial Council, New Hampshire Association of Counties, and New Hampshire Municipal Association state this bill would decrease state, county, and local expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 2014 and each year thereafter. This bill will have no fiscal impact on state, county, and local revenue.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of State indicates this bill will repeal requirements for voter identification and verification. The Department states general fund expenditures would decrease by eliminating the Program Assistant II position created to train local election officials and also repeals the requirement to send a verification mailing to voters who did not show an acceptable form of identification. Based on their experience in the 2012 general election, the Department estimates approximately 1% of voters on Election Day did not have an acceptable identification. The Department estimates approximately 3,000 voters for the FY 2014 elections and 9,500 voters in FY 2015 would present without acceptable identification and would need mail verification. The Department estimates each mailing costs \$3 per piece for a total of \$9,000 in FY 2014 (\$3 x 3,000 voters) and \$28,500 in FY 2015 (\$3 x 9,500 voters). The Department states very few individuals sought voter ID cards from the Division of Motor Vehicles during the 2012 election cycle so they estimate a decrease in state general fund expenditures of \$5,000 (500 voter ID cards at a cost of \$10 each). The Department states this bill would repeal the requirement to place digital cameras and printers in polling locations so \$81,675 in equipment expenses would not be needed as well as \$10,000 in maintenance expenditures. The Department states it can absorb the costs of printing and modifying its forms within its current budget. The table below identifies decreases in expenditures due to this bill.

	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Program Assistant II (Labor Grade 15, Step 1)	(\$53,285)	(\$54,715)	(\$57,747)	(\$60,983)
Verification Mailings	(\$9,000)	(\$28,500)	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)

Non Driver Photo IDs	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)
Camera & Printers	(\$81,675)	(\$0)	(\$0)	(\$0)
Equipment Maintenance	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
	(\$158,960)	(\$98,215)	(\$102,747)	(\$105,983)

The Department of Justice states this bill would eliminate the need for the Attorney General's Office to investigate any returned domicile affidavits executed by voters who did not display an approved identification at the time he or she voted. The Department states the fiscal impact of the investigations that may be triggered from the 2012 General Election is not yet known and, therefore, the fiscal impact is indeterminable.

The Judicial Council states this bill decreases the offense level from a class B felony to a class A misdemeanor which would result in decreased expenditures. The Judicial Council states no indigents have needed representation related to voter fraud in the last ten years. Nevertheless, to the extent that class A misdemeanor penalties are sought, the state would be subject to expenditures of approximately \$275 for each misdemeanor case handled by a public defender or contract attorney rather than \$756.24 for a felony case. If an assigned counsel attorney is used, the fee is \$60 per hour with a cap of \$1,400 for a misdemeanor and a cap of \$4,100 for a felony. The Council also states additional costs could be incurred if an appeal is filed. The public defender, contract attorney, and assigned counsel rates for Supreme Court appeals is \$2,000 per case. Expenditures would increase if services other than counsel are requested and approved by the court during the defense of a case or during an appeal.

The New Hampshire Association of Counties states, to the extent fewer individuals are charged, convicted, and sentenced to incarceration in a county correctional facility, the counties may have decreased expenditures. The Association is unable to determine the number of individuals who might avoid prosecution and incarceration as a result of this bill to determine an exact fiscal impact. The average annual cost to incarcerate an individual in a county correctional facility is approximately \$35,000. There is no impact on county revenue.

The New Hampshire Municipal Association states the repeal of the voter identification process may decrease the time, workload, and costs for local election officials. The Association is not able to determine the exact impact on local expenditures.

The Department of Safety states this bill will have no fiscal impact on state expenditures or revenue.

Speakers

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To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # HB 287 Date 2/5/13

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Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 287-FN

BILL TITLE: eliminating voter identification requirements.

DATE: 2/5/13

LOB ROOM: 308 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:01 pm

Time Adjourned: 2:06 pm

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Cote, Knowles, Perry, Woody, Levesque, Ward, Conner, Gage, Till, Richardson, Jasper, Marston, Souza, Gray, Comerford, J. Sweeney, Birdsell and Hoelzel.

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Horrigan, Straf 6; Rep. Chase, Ches 8; Rep. Timothy Smith, Hills 17; Rep. Moody, Rock 17; Rep. Winters, Hills 18

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

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***Davon Chaffee**, Executive Director of N.H. Civil Liberties Union – Written testimony attached.

***Josette White** – America Votes – Supports the bill – Written testimony attached.

Ryan Donnelly – Granite State Independent Living – Supports the bill and concurs with previous speakers.

***Kary Jencks** – N.H. Citizens Alliance for Action – Supports the bill – Written testimony and the Petition are attached to these minutes.

***Mr. Ron Geoffroy**, Sr. Executive Vice-President, N.H. Alliance for Retired Americans – Supports the bill and submitted written testimony.

***Caitlin Rollo** – Supports the bill – Written testimony attached

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kathleen M. Hoelzel, clerk
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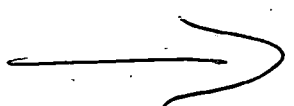
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Sub-Committee Actions

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW
SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION ON HB 287-FN

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DATE: 2/19/13

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Richardson, Knowles, Perry, Jasper, Gray

Comments and Recommendations:

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.	OLS Document #:
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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Jasper

Seconded by Rep. Knowles

Vote: 4-1

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Gary Richardson
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW
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Motions: ~~OTP~~, ~~OTP/A~~, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Knowles Jasper

Seconded by Rep. Gray Knowles

Vote: 4-1

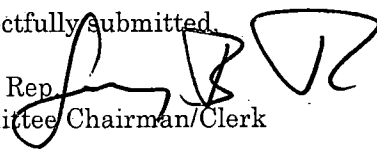
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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote:

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. 
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

HB 287

Rep Jasper - ITL

Rep Knowles second

4-1 vote

Testimony

Testimony in favor of HB 287

“AN ACT eliminating voter identification requirements.”

Rep. Timothy Horrigan; February 5, 2013

This bill repeals the complicated voter ID legislation rammed through at the very end of the 2012 session. That legislation is being phased in over several years, which may sound like a compromise, but which makes an already bad bill even worse. Our procedures at the polls have worked well as is for decades, and the 2012 legislation is an expensive solution to a virtually nonexistent problem.

Voter impersonation is also a crime, and the reason hardly anyone ever gets prosecuted for it is not because no one cares. Our attorney general's office, our secretary of state's office, and our municipal elections officials take the integrity of our elections very seriously, and irregularities are investigated thoroughly.

Voter impersonation would be an inefficient and risky way to steal an election. You would need to recruit a large number of fake voters and you would have to make sure they voted in the names of persons who definitely won't show up to cast legitimate votes. You also have to make sure that no one recognizes you as an imposter. If your imposters are hitting multiple polling places, you have to make sure no one at one precinct recognizes voters from some other precinct. (Candidates, campaign workers and other interested parties frequently visit multiple precincts on election day.)

Finally, I will point out that voting is a basic right. You don't need an ID before you speak, you don't need an ID before you defend yourself, and you shouldn't need an ID to vote.

**TESTIMONY OF REP. LAURIE SANBORN
HOUSE BILL 287 VOTER ID · 2/5/2013**

The idea that every citizen regardless of race, gender, or background is awarded the same power of choice and influence in the voting booth has been the backbone of our electoral system and American democracy. This concept, often referred to as the “one-man, one-vote” principal had no tangible protection in New Hampshire before recently.

Last year, New Hampshire joined over thirty other states that require some form of ID to vote. We passed that law to address a very *real* problem.

Voter fraud has been well documented. For instance—during the last New Hampshire Primary the law allowed for the “dead” to be offered numerous ballots throughout the state. In this case, the parties involved, Project Veritas and Mr. James O’Keefe, did not actually vote in the election. However, it certainly helped show what was a glaring hole inside our election law, which we believed we worked to fix when passing voter ID.

Conversations on voter ID have unfortunately fallen back onto weak conspiracy theories surrounding minority voter disenfranchisement. These misguided claims seek to racialize and make partisan an issue that is simply responsible government.

In *Crawford v. Marion* in 2008, the Supreme Court held that requiring a photo ID to vote was not a barrier to the constitutional right to vote. Additionally, research done by the University of Nebraska from 2000 to 2006 concluded that voter ID does not negatively affect turnout. And last year the United States Department of Justice approved New Hampshire’s new voter ID law.

Furthermore, Americans are on the side of Voter ID. A Washington Post survey last August showed that nearly 75% of Americans support showing photo ID at the polls.

Taking a plane, train, or going into a commercial or federal building all require ID. It's common sense that we'd ask for the same protections for one of our most important Rights as Americans.

Last election, like most years, there were several local races ending in recounts in which the presumptive loser became the winner. In the Iowa Caucuses, it was only a few votes that decided the winner. With such close calls, it is important to realize that voter fraud can change the results of an election and is a real disservice to the voters.

Voters in New Hampshire want and deserve a photo ID requirement. Please oppose this bill to repeal a good, common-sense measure that has yet to have a chance to be fully implemented.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Sanborn
House Republican Policy Leader

*File Copy
as submitted
by Joan Ashwell*

February 5, 2013

House Election Law Committee

Re: HB 287, AN ACT eliminating voter identification requirements.

Dear Chairman Cote and members of the committee:

The League of Women Voters NH supports HB 287 to repeal the photo ID law adopted last year. We understand the reluctance of one Legislature to undo the work of a previous Legislature but the photo ID law threatens the most precious right of our citizens - the right to vote.

Voting is the most fundamental right of an American citizen. When the Pilgrims arrived in this country in 1620, they brought with them a concept of government that included voting for leaders. Granted not many people were allowed to vote, but by the time colonists voted for Independence from King George, the right to vote was far more widespread here than in England. Our Constitution was adopted by vote and the right to vote was gradually expanded until even women were allowed to vote - 300 years after the Pilgrims landed. Voting receives more mentions and more amendments than any other subject in the Constitution, and all of the amendments have been to expand the right to vote and to add protections for that fundamental citizen right.

There have been attempts in the past to disenfranchise large groups of citizens. The goal is always the same - to try to keep a small unrepresentative group of people in positions of power. For almost a hundred years, there were states that targeted black men and later, black women by requiring them to produce documents they could not be expected to own like driver's licenses, by administering so-called literacy tests which they were guaranteed to fail, by holding registration sessions in secret locations, and often by threatening citizens' lives or livelihood. These denials of citizen rights were defended as necessary to "protect the integrity of the ballot." The same words used to justify erecting barriers to voting today.

For the past two years, The League of Women Voters, an organization founded by women who fought for the right to vote, along with other voter rights organizations, and groups representing senior citizens, minorities, students, the disabled and the poor have spoken out consistently against laws that can only serve to disenfranchise many people in these vulnerable populations. These are the people who are least likely to have one of the photo IDs called for in the law and they would have the hardest time getting a voucher from Town Hall and then traveling, without being able to drive, to a DMV to get a photo ID. Unlike the supporters of photo ID laws, we presented facts about New Hampshire voters and referred the election law committee to dozens of studies about problems with photo ID laws.

One of the most striking things about the photo ID law passed last year was that it was passed without one shred of evidence presented to show it was needed. There is no problem with voter

impersonation in New Hampshire. Voter impersonation - one person pretending to be someone else to steal one vote - is the only kind of voter fraud that could possibly be detected by a photo ID requirement. Think about that. Every citizen in New Hampshire is facing extra hurdles to getting a ballot on Election Day because of a law passed without a single fact presented to show New Hampshire has a problem with voter impersonation fraud.

We were told last year that in addition to "protecting the integrity of the ballot" the voter ID law would stop "rampant voter impersonation fraud" yet, even with the law in place there weren't thousands of arrests on Election Day. The fact is voter impersonation fraud is not a problem here or in any other state. President Bush made finding voter fraud the priority job for his Department of Justice for five years, and at the end of that time, out of hundreds of millions of votes cast across the country, they didn't find one single case of voter impersonation fraud. In fact, on a national level they ended up with only 16 cases of other kinds of voter fraud, none of which could have been detected by requiring a photo ID. These are facts. Not hard to find.

The League of Women Voters strongly opposed adoption of the photo ID law and we oppose it, if possible, even more now that it's been in effect for the primary elections and the Presidential election last November.

Even though no one was actually required to show a photo ID in last September's primary elections, the so-called "slow phase in" of the photo ID law was a disaster for citizens across the state. Starting about a week before the primaries, the League and other citizen advocacy organizations were flooded with requests for information about the law from citizens and from the press. Primary day in September was a non-stop series of calls and emails to the Attorney General to request help with problems across the state, and calls and emails to citizens to try to convince them they could still vote even if they didn't have a driver's license. It was obvious that no serious effort had been made on the part of the state to educate the public about the radical change from hundreds of years of established election procedures. Judging from the pressure faced by the League and other citizen groups to try to meet the demand for voting information all of last fall, we can only assume that many of the 295,000 citizens who didn't vote probably stayed away because of the voter ID law.

The League of Women Voters urges the Legislature to repeal the photo ID law in its entirety. The law serves no legitimate purpose and it poses a real danger to the ability of citizens to exercise their most fundamental right - the right to vote. Some people will say it's more convenient for ballot clerks and election workers if they can see IDs rather than listen to voters. The convenience of election workers is not justification for disenfranchising citizens. With the large amount of money in the HAVA account, we could certainly afford to look at other ways to make life easier for election workers.

And for those who still insist, without any evidence, that we need a photo ID law we suggest you study all the laws in place to protect our elections. New Hampshire has one of the best and most

accessible laws in the country to allow challenges to anyone trying to commit voter fraud. It's one of only a handful of states that makes it possible for any citizen to report voter fraud and be assured of government action even at the polls on election day. The challenge law, unlike the photo ID law, targets those who are reasonably suspected of trying to commit voter fraud instead of indiscriminately threatening the rights of tens of thousands of voters.

The House Election Law Committee should protect the fundamental right of all American citizens to vote and vote *Ought to Pass* on HB 287.

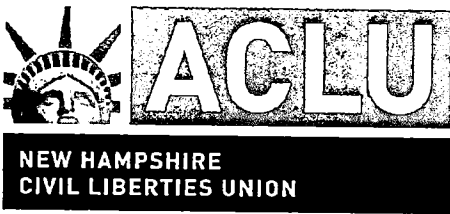
Thank you,

Liz Tentarelli, co-president

Sally Davis, co-president

Joan Flood Ashwell, election law specialist

League of Women Voters NH



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DEVON CHAFFEE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To: Chairman David Cote and Members of the Election Law Committee
From: Devon Chaffee, Executive Director, New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union
Date: February 5, 2013
Re: In Support of House Bill HB 287

Dear Chairman Cote and other members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony on behalf of the New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union (NHCLU)—a non-partisan, nonprofit organization working to protect civil liberties throughout New Hampshire—in strong support of HB 287. HB 287 would repeal voter identification requirements enacted in 2012 that work to suppress eligible voters from participating in elections and create unnecessary burdens for voters, poll workers, and the state. I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend that the House ought to pass HB 287.

- **HB 287 will promote full and fair voter participation in New Hampshire.** The number of New Hampshire voters who may have refrained from voting in the 2012 election because of the voter ID restrictions is still unknown. We continue to have grave concerns about the number and range of eligible New Hampshire voters who would be impacted once the remaining provisions of the photo ID law go into effect. New Hampshire has one of the highest voter turnout rates in the nation and we should be doing everything we can to encourage people to vote.
- **The 2013 voter ID requirements will create even more cumbersome burdens on voters and poll workers.** The voter ID requirements scheduled to go into effect in September 2013 will further limit the types of accepted photo ID and require voters without ID to jump through additional hoops. Voters that cannot produce one of 4 specific types of photo ID will be required to fill out a qualified voter registration affidavit and have their photograph taken by a poll worker who will then have to print a color copy of the photo and then affix it to the voter's affidavit before the individual will be permitted to vote. This additional burden threatens to divert poll workers' resources and create additional delays for all voters.
- **HB 287 will save the state unnecessary costs.** As demonstrated in the Fiscal Note to HB 287, over the first three years alone, HB 287 will save the state hundreds of thousands of dollars it would have otherwise spend on ID costs, mailing costs, digital cameras, color printers, and maintenance.
- **HB 287 would repeal voter ID requirements that have a disproportionate impact on senior citizens, low-income voters, and voters with disabilities.** Studies consistently document that voter ID requirements have a negative impact on civic participation and disproportionately suppress voters who are elderly, minorities, or who have lower incomes. HB 287 will protect the fundamental voting rights of these often vulnerable populations.

For the above reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to recommend that the House ought to pass HB 287. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information.

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AMERICA VOTES

February 5, 2013

HOUSE ELECTION LAW – 1PM LOB 308

Re: House Bill 287, AN ACT eliminating voter identification requirements.

Chairman Cote and members of the committee:

America Votes is non-profit organization that, among other things, works to expand access to the ballot, coordinate issue advocacy and election campaigns, and protect every American's right to vote. We urge the committee to recommend HB 287 ought to pass out of committee and to repeal the NH voter photo ID law.

The cost of this policy is just too great, especially when there have been no documented instances of voter fraud in NH since at least 2006. During the 2012 legislative process and debate in implementing the NH Voter ID the Secretary of State's office produced the following fiscal note:

The Department of State states this bill would require photo identification to obtain a ballot at a polling place, a requirement that would be phased in over time. The Department states under this bill it would be required to follow up with a mailing to those voters who did not present photo identification to vote. The Department states costs of such a mailing would be approximately \$1.00 each, but cannot predict how many mailings may be necessary following each election. The Department states under this bill it is required to pay the actual costs for non-driver voter identification issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles for voters without identification acceptable under this bill. The Department states the number of voters that will require non-driver identifications is indeterminable. The Department also states, beginning in 2016, this bill would require each polling place to be equipped to generate a photograph of a voter not presenting valid identification. The Department states it cannot determine the cost of the equipment needed is specified and put out to bid.

The bill was recklessly passed without any accurate information related to cost for any phone of implementation. The full cost of phase 1 and the projected costs for phase 2 are still largely unknown, including how much of the fiscal burden can be covered out of HAVA funds and how much will be an additional drain on the already stretched general fund But we do know that during the 2013 organizational meeting of this committee Deputy Scanlan reported that 3500 staff hours were dedicated to implementation of voter ID. That's the equivalent of hiring two fulltime staff. The department also mailed 22,000 letters. We have yet to enter the phase of investigations, but attorney staff time will be utilized further increasing the cost.

In addition to the costs, we saw many problems with implementation of voter ID arise during the "dry run" of the primary. Confusing information led to erroneous signs being displayed in local communities and incorrect information being portrayed to the public, proving the importance of a robust public education plan and program. The Attorney General's Office and the Secretary of State did not conduct a

press conference to publicize correct information until the Friday before the November election. There was an ad in the Union Leader but the cost of the ad has not been made public.

If voter ID is not repealed, the more restrictive phase will be implemented this fall and will again require a robust education plan informing voters of the small list of acceptable ID's, expiration date limits, and picture-taking provisions. Public education expenditures were not captured in the original SB 289 fiscal note or in HB 287 repeal fiscal note but should be factored into the real cost of Voter photo ID.

There are also uncalculated hidden costs to implementing voter ID at the local level. Towns were instructed to staff an additional check-in table to handle voter ID issues, forcing most towns to add more staffing to the 2012 general election. The New Hampshire Municipal Association states the repeal of the voter identification process "may decrease the time, workload; and costs for local election officials". Repealing this law will help alleviate many of the other problems we have seen arise such as wait times in line and the need to extend the amount of time before the checklist is sent to the NH archives.

We continue to oppose this policy. We note from census numbers that approximately 250,000 otherwise eligible citizens didn't vote on Election Day. How many stayed away because they didn't have photo ID? The next phase of language passed that will take effect in 2013 greatly restricts the number of acceptable ID's and will require pictures be taken at the polls of voters and affixed to the affidavits. What is the motivation behind lessening the number of acceptable ID's? And in a state where we value our privacy why are we going essentially take "mugshots" of qualified voters exercising their constitutional right? No compelling case has been presented that this new law is needed or even effective.

We ask the committee whether spending at least a projected half a million dollars is worth having a Voter Photo ID law when there is no evidence that voter impersonation is occurring? There is also no evidence that more costly phase 2 of implementation would add any additional protections to our voting system that has repeatedly been proven to be both efficient and protect the integrity of the vote.

We urge the committee to recommend HB 287 Ought to Pass.

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NH Citizens Alliance for Action



4 Park Street - Concord, NH 03301

02.05.2013

Dear New Hampshire House Election Law Committee Members,

Thank you for your time today. My name is Kary Jencks. I am representing New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Action in support of HB 287.

Brief Organization Background:

New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Action (NHCAA) is a 501(c)4 organization incorporated in 1998 to further a mission of social, economic and political justice for all.

New Hampshire Citizens Alliance for Action's sister c3 organization is New Hampshire Citizens Alliance (NHCA); a statewide non-profit, non-partisan organization devoted to social, economic, and political justice. For over thirty years, we have worked on a range of issues, including ensuring access to affordable health care and coverage, protecting civil rights, protecting and expanding voter rights, creating good jobs through sustainable and smart tax policy, and ensuring economic security for the 99%.

NHCAA Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 287-FN:

- NHCAA supports HB 287. A repeal of voter ID is socially and politically just for New Hampshire. The new Voter ID law makes the voting process more cumbersome and intimidating for those without ID; for example, the elderly who or disabled who may have given up their ID's or whose IDs may have expired.
- NHCAA recognizes that voting is a fundamental freedom protected by our nation's constitution unlike other activities that require proper photo ID such as driving and buying alcohol.

Jencks
02.05.13
NHCAA

NH Citizens Alliance for Action



- Thousands of New Hampshire senior citizens have stopped driving, many disabled people are unable to drive. Furthermore, many people can't afford a car, simply don't drive and/or live far from their nearest DMV. The photo ID law creates unnecessary and expensive barriers for people who don't have an ID to have to get one just to exercise one of their most basic rights as a legal aged U.S. citizen.
- The majority of concerns expressed by New Hampshire voters on election day who signed a petition in opposition to voter ID were in direct relation to access concerns for our state's seniors and disabled citizens. Please see full petition provided to the Election Law Committee Clerk. Just a few of the quotes shared on the petition are:

"I am a senior citizen who will one day be without a vehicle and a license. Then there will be no family to take me to get a photo ID or to the polls to exercise my right to vote. How can you argue that these anti-voter bills will help me vote or make it to the polls to exercise my right to vote?"

Lawrence L. Lee Jr. of Dover, NH

"I work with the geriatric population as a nurse. Many, many of them do not have this ID and are still interested in voting. Many of these people do not have the ability to even get such an ID."

Mary Byrne of Frankestown, NH

My disabled son has been unable to vote since he turned 18. Laws like these are designed to stop certain groups of people from voting, not provide real protection from voter fraud." -

Karen Schreiber of Durham, NH

NH Citizens Alliance for Action



As a senior citizen who doesn't drive, I don't have a photo ID. I've lived in my town for more than 40 years and am known by all, but this bill would require me to obtain a photo ID...You should be encouraging voting not discouraging it."

Patrick Pinkson-Burke of Cornish, NH

- Mandatory voter ID is placing an undue cost and time burden on many of our legal aged citizens and their family or caregivers to obtain an ID when they have been voters for years. A further undue cost will be placed on New Hampshire citizens in covering the implementation expense of almost half a million dollars over four years as outlined in the fiscal note. It is unconscionable to demand that tax payers cover the cost of voter suppression when funds are needed for real, everyday state issues such as road and bridge maintenance, child poverty, and our schools.

Please vote HB 287-FN Ought to Pass.

Thank you for your time and dedication to New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kary Jencks', written in a cursive style.

Kary Jencks

Policy Associate - NHCAA

kjencks@nhcitizensalliance.org

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2-5-2013
submitted by
Kary Jencks*

Dear Bill Gardner, Secretary of State, Rep. Shaun Doherty (NH-60), Rep. Stephanie Eaton (NH-23), Rep. David Cote (NH-56), Rep. Peter Leishman (NH-36), Rep. Richard Drisko (NH-38), Rep. David Pierce (NH-31), Rep. Alfred Baldasaro (NH-76), Rep. Robert Perry (NH-94), Rep. Dino Scala (NH-11), Rep. Kathleen Hoelzel (NH-75), Rep. David Bates (NH-77), Rep. William Smith (NH-91), Rep. John Byrnes (NH-17), Rep. Harold Reilly (NH-30), Rep. Cam DeJong (NH-42), Rep. John Gimmas (NH-45), Rep. Joseph Thomas (NH-52), Rep. Duane Erickson (NH-58), Rep. Regina Birdsell (NH-81), Rep. Susan DeLemus (NH-92), and Governor John Lynch,

We are pleased to present you with this petition affirming one simple statement:

"We urge you to vote against any bill that places additional barriers to a citizen's right to vote in New Hampshire. You will be taking up legislation in an upcoming hearing that will require voters to present a limited number of ways to prove identity. This provision will adversely affect our seniors, minorities, disabled, and low income citizens, who are the most likely to be without the required photo ID. There is no evidence that voter fraud is rampant in New Hampshire or that the communities that will be most affected commit voter fraud. Protect our right to vote by not supporting SB 289.

You will also be taking up SB 318, which makes changes to our voter registration forms. These changes are unnecessary and can only be seen as an attempt to intimidate certain citizens who wish to register to vote.

Please protect our most fundamental right—the right to vote—by voting against SB 289 and SB 318."

Attached is a list of individuals who have added their names to this petition, as well as additional comments written by the petition signers themselves.

Sincerely,
Jessica Clark

Judith Gardner
Durham, NH
Apr 11, 2012

sherri a basso
hampton, NH
Apr 11, 2012

mia leonard
keene, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Conrad Dumas
Greenfield, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Please vote against this bill. As a senior it is just luck that I have a photo ID.

Sarah Roche
Nashua, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Christian Kalled
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 11, 2012

drudman
Manchester, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Alice Nye
Concord, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Julia Kaplan
Brookline, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Krystal Ingerson
Haverhill, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Catherine A. Stearns
Wilmot, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Betty Hall
Brookline, NH

Apr 11, 2012

Greg Geheb
NASHUA, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Betsy Burton
Lee, NH
Apr 11, 2012

bill weibel
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Patricia Kellogg
Littleton, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Wellington Wells
Peterborough, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Bethany Constance
brentwood, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Christian Malm
Concord, NH
Apr 11, 2012

NH Does NOT need these restrictions.

Patricia Rude
Newport, NH
Apr 11, 2012

This is just another way for the government to control our opinions. If this bill passses, many people will not be able to vote! I honestly can not believe what is going on with our government !!!!!

Desiree Newcomb
Croydon, NH
Apr 11, 2012

arnold burdick
warner, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Megg Lynch
Ashland, NH

Apr 11, 2012

Put party ideology aside and do what's right for New Hampshire!

Pierre Groleau
Sharon, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Mary Anne Broshek
Andover, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Blake Wood
Dublin, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Gerhard Bedding
Keene, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Jaimie Wolf
Lee, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Elinor L. Frank
Exeter, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Mike Casner
Peterborough, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Irene Maggio
Atkinson, NH
Apr 11, 2012

PAM PETERSON
CONCORD, NH
Apr 11, 2012

I agree 100% with Shirley LaPoint that we are getting more like a dictatorship here in New Hampshire and all over the country and that we need to get these tea party conservatives out of our government before they destroy everything good that this country stands for!!!

Peter Maggio
Atkinson, NH
Apr 11, 2012

They have made up this voter fraud to get votes only for themselves. this agenda needs to be stopped. It is getting more like a dictatorship here in New Hampshire And all over the country. We need to get these tea party conservatives out of our government!!!

Shirley LaPoint
Ashuelot, NH
Apr 11, 2012

There is no need to change the voting laws of this state, unless one considers political advantage.

Janet Perry
Littleton, NH
Apr 11, 2012

I see no need to change anything voter laws in this state at this time. This is a right wing move to stop seniors, and disabled, and the poor from voting. Please do not let any legislation on this pass.

Larry
Whitefield, NH
Apr 11, 2012

virginia berrien
exeter, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Peter Camann
Lancaster, NH
Apr 11, 2012

The whole voter fraud issue is a smokescreen to divert attention away from the much more serious possibility of election fraud. Currently there is no way to prevent fraud with electronic voting. That's what the Legislature, Secretary of State, Attorney General and citizens should be working to prevent.

Deborah Sumner
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Rebecca Oreskes
Milan, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Colleen Kivley
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Elizabeth Caldwell
Keene, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Lucy Crichton
Concord, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Wendy Walker
Exeter, NH
Apr 11, 2012

JERRY BURT
Plainfield, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Geoffrey Lizotte
Wilmot, NH
Apr 11, 2012

John Glover
Penacook, NH
Apr 11, 2012

George Thompson
Wilton, NH
Apr 11, 2012

Nan Paradis
Raymond, NH
Apr 11, 2012

I am continually amazed at how often The Live Free or Die state formulates laws to restrict our liberties.

Arnold
Rochester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kathleen Nohavec
Washington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Galen
Sharon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Pure racism and age discrimination,,,

Robert ODonnell
Winchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Barbara Ward
Bow,, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jeffrey Kovitch
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Peggy L. Trivilino
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Amy McDonald
Atkinson, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Alden W. Hall
Lebanon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Lise Hildebrandt
Weare, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Listen to the citizens!

Carolyn Bailey
Harrisville, NH
Apr 10, 2012

There is no real evidence of faurd. We all have the right to vote. I know many NH folks that would nont be able to get an ID. Lets don't pick and choose who can vote. This Democracy

Jane B. Winslow
Greenfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

William Price
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

James C. Curran
Hancock, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Benjamin Van Vliet
Enfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Valerie Hardy
Litchfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012.

Mary Ann Grant
Greenfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

A New Hampshire Mom
Lee, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Terry Gesel
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Richard Hechtl
New Boston, NH
Apr 10, 2012

MaryEllen Boudman
Laconia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Joyce Russell
Wentworth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Tyler Newton
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Paula VanBuskirk
Seabrook, NH
Apr 10, 2012

The right to vote is fundamental. Voter fraud is virtually non-existent. PLEASE vote against SB 289 and SB318. We need to encourage High voter turnout, not discourage or turn away valid voters!

Catharine Farkas
Sanbornton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Anne Chehade
Hopkinton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Wayne G. Alterisio
Pinardville, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Richard Goulet
Goffstown, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Martha K. Conant
Milton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Susan Arnold
Strafford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Less government means not making laws that impeded citizen participation. These things exclude and impeded.

Conley T Peyton, II
New London, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Matt Gagnon
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Katelyn Gagnon
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

The Supervisor of the Checklist in my Town does not see any reason to restrict voters. Fraud is not on the radar. Let's not make it any more difficult for those in the nursing homes or homebound.

Susan Wiley
Sandwich, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Irene Grand
Strafford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Cristina Taylor
concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Karla Patrick
Berlin, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Heather
Newmarket, NH
Apr 10, 2012

maria grimanis
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Meg Greenbaum
Moultonborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

C'mon man!

James Melvin Dowe
E.Rochester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Glen Benjamin
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Patty patridge
Gilford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

July 4th, 1976. Our countries bi-centennial. A Philadelphia newspaper had a run down on states constitutions and it said N.H.'s was the closest thing to a police state in the country. SB289 will only reinforce my belief that this is true.

ron grant
conway, NH
Apr 10, 2012

It is remarkable that this Republican legislature that boasts their interest in freedom continues to curtail citizen rights.

Roger Whipple
Swanzey, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Eric Zulaski
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Tom Giffen
Candia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Susan Richman
Durham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Doreen Robertson
Bennington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Janet Hymowitz
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Brian Doyle
seabrook, NH
Apr 10, 2012

john doherty
manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Megan Gregory
Penacook, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Christina Poor
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

This is an unnecessary restriction that will further disenfranchise voters. Please do not support it!

Virginia Schonwald
Barrington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Chelsea Hicking
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Tom Condon
Merrimack, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I do not support SB 289!

Patricia Manning
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mary Nichols
Loudon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Peter Schulter
Hampstead, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Patricia Lipman
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

We should all be looking for ways to improve voter turn out, not turning away voters. If this passes, it should be brought to the Supreme Court as unconstitutional. What are the reps of N.H. thinking?

Michael Saracino
Claremont, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Elissa Paquette
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Christine M Ordzie
Greenfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Wilma Weddington
Littleton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Virginia S. Greer
East Hampstead, NH
Apr 10, 2012

C sears
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jill
Auburn, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ron Fitzpatrick
Center Barnstead, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ronald Janowitz
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mildred Wakana
Lebanon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Andrea Froburg
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Fred Phillips
Ctr. Sandwich, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Elizabeth Collins
Wilton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Chris n Joanne Shultz
Greenland, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Meg McGoldrick
Northwood, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mary Lee Sargent
Bow, NH
Apr 10, 2012

noreen gaetjens
Madbury, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Joyce Bowers
Kingston, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mary Grace Molloy
Keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jeffrey Butler
Windsor, NH
Apr 10, 2012

virginia heard
c.sandwich, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Rebecca Roberge
Berlin, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Lisa Kauh
Windham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Cheryl Keefe
Salem, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kristine Slater
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jessica K Soule
Grafton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Corinne Dodge
Derry, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Anthony F. Migliori
Salem, NH
Apr 10, 2012

James R. Hamill
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Live Free or Die! Let us vote.

Deborah Sisson
Lee, NH
Apr 10, 2012

susan martin
Sharon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Patricia Carlise
Chester, NH

Apr 10, 2012

William MacDonald
lebanon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Victoria Turner
Bennington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Joanna Mate
SAN ANTONIO, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Donna Thelander
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

jim Sheff
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Patricia Salome
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Charles C Bingaman
Walpole, NH
Apr 10, 2012

SharleneLabore
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Arickey R Bounds
Strafford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Peggi McCarthy
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

This is so very important!

Susan Calligandes
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

deborah buxton
greenfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

helen reid
portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

gary newfield
randolph, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Dennis Machnik
Campton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Teri Harkins
New Boston, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Cordelia Mayhew
Hampstead, NH
Apr 10, 2012

James Noyes
Fitzwilliam, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Christine Gealy
Danbury, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kellie Smith
Deering, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I am a ballot clerk in my town and I know that SB 318 and 289 are a waste of time, effort and money to fix something that isn't broken. Shame on the sponsors of these bills!

Roxanne Busch
Sugar Hill, NH
Apr 10, 2012

greg gilman
Lebanon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Arthur Charland
Winchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

David Bates
Warner, NH
Apr 10, 2012

gail hoar
Wilton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mark Foley
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kim Dudzik
alton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Lesley
Ossipee, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Susan Greenberg
Rye, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Cindy Boucher
Goffstown, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Pamala Miller
Meriden, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Susan Smith
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Andy Hughes
Milford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

John Langley
Hollis, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Please do not vote for any bill that puts barriers in the way of New Hampshire's citizens ability to vote.

Allison Rowe
Sharon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Katie Ellis
Durham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

There is no evidence that voter fraud is rampant in New Hampshire. ALEC is behind this. This is a threat to voting rights. Please vote against SB289 and SB318.

Martha High
Enfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Susan L. Howard
Peterborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Andra Crawford
Newmarket, NH
Apr 10, 2012

ryman mclane
Jackson, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Placing barriers in the way of citizens wanting to vote seems Unamerican. Please reject this attempt to change the law in New Hampshire.

Barbara Smith
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Bernard Mizula
Hollis, NH
Apr 10, 2012

kevin cash
rochester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

This bill is nothing but an attempt to suppress the vote in NH. Do not vote for SB 289.

Marcia Gillis
Rye, NH

Apr 10, 2012

Devina
Laconia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Karin Barndollar
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Richard
Bennington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Julia Di Stefano
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Cynthia Molburg
Center Harbor, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Alison Wimmer
Henniker, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Richard & Barbara Dickersin
Jackson, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Peter Miller
Lee, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Erica Brien
Derry, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Penny Rouleau
Rochester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

David McCloskey
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mattie Gilmartin
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I continue to feel so hopeless about what is going on in my home state and in my country. Thnx Move On/Sign On for helping with these petitions...

Megan Sprague
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 10, 2012

David Webster
Moultonborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Where is the voter fraud? Surely our legislators can devise bills to deal with real issues (jobs?), rather than depending on ALEC to write its legislation.

Chuck Bent
Wilton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Tanya Prather
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

DON'T PASS THESE BILLS!!!!!!

Bruce Hawkins
Newmarket, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jeanne Sable
Fitzwilliam, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Sarah Hart Wills
Keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

morgan campbell
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Dan Labrie
Peterborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Lyn Slanetz
Silver Lake, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Sara Metheany
warner, NH
Apr 10, 2012

M Holland
Derry, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Holly Hunt
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Marcus A Greene
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Sorry. I approve and admire the work of Move On, but I favor photo identification of all voters. D.H.
Partington, Daltyon, NH.

David H. Partington
Dalton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Sharon O'Donnell
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Restricting access to vote is a solution for which there is not a problem.

Al Dadian
londonderry, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Gilman Shattuck
Hillsborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Karen E.
durham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ilona Weber
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

One more attempt by the "free staters" and right wing tea party fanatics to take our state and national governments in a direction that is NOT for the good of the majority... but for the 1%! Pay attention people and vote to get them out of our government before we are not allowed to vote at all! Start with Speaker O'Brien...

emily mc Alpine
Kensington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Please think about the real consequences of these proposals. There are many adults who do not have photo ID for many reasons, and their right to vote cannot be taken away because of this!

Lura Seavey
Northfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Esther M Brooks
Dublin, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Dennis B Lintz
Laconia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Karen Day
Greenfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Katy Easterly
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Sidra Ezrahi
Wilmot, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Please do the right thing ... vote against any bill that places additional barriers to a person's right to vote. Any and all those legislative efforts are the antithesis of true democracy.

Norma Lemire
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Barbara Rogers
Richmond, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Heather Hatcher
Windham, NH

Apr 10, 2012

I don't think we need this legislation. Enough!

Charles P. Monahan
Grantham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Susan H. Francis
Stoddard, NH
Apr 10, 2012

good work i say !

dwight webb
Lee,, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Dave
Nottingham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

If there is ONE citizen of New Hampshire who is unable to get a photo ID, then this bill should NOT be allowed to pass. Is it my imagination or is this bill supported by republicans only? If so, why is that?

Brian Sullivan
Londonderry, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ron Luchsinger
Enfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Janis Cashman
WOLFEBORO, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Susan Chase
Andover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Warren Seamans
Rumney, NH
Apr 10, 2012

nancy county
exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Voting should be encouraged, not discouraged.

Randolph Van Cise
New London, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Please vote against SB 289 and SB318 - they are discriminatory.

Tom and Bev Conway
Alexandria, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Paul Smith
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Milt Lauenstein
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Cathy Dawson
Laconia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Pam Moore
Hampton Falls, NH
Apr 10, 2012

gabriele holland

gabriele holland
strafford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Linda Taylor
Plaistow,, NH
Apr 10, 2012

thomas clarke
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Dave Gere
Bedford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Peter Webb
Nashua, NH

Apr 10, 2012

Evan Sederquest
Chester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Sarah Long
Woodsville, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Please vote against SB 289 and SB 318 - we need to encourage voter participation not discourage it!

Martha Byam
Hampton Falls, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Tara Nepal
Londonderry, NH
Apr 10, 2012

A ridiculous waste of legislative time and energy - a solution searching for a problem!

Jeff Powell
Dublin, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jane Brickett
Lancaster, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ioretta Heinz
Bedford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Chuck Phillips
Franconia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

David Montgomery
Hanover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Dana Myskowski
Henniker, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Robert Owen Williams
Franconia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Diane and Marc Tessier
manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

John Tolman
Lancaster, NH
Apr 10, 2012

This petition is important. Let's keep the USA free to all and not put barriers up that are not needed. Show me the proof of rampant fraud.

Gail Miller
Monroe, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Allan MacDonald
New London, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ruthanne Weston
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

DO NOT MARGINALIZE THE SACRED, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE OF OUR CITIZENS!

Eric Meth
Franconia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

John Eno
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Tom Linell
Lebanon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Philip W. Porter
Hanover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Earlston LaFond
Grantham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Tim McCarthy
Lisbon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Giving everyone access to voting is essential to our democracy. Our Secretary of State has done an exceptional job preventing voter fraud so we certainly do not need this bill.

Roseann Day
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Susan Ford
Easton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I believe this is an attempt to add obstructions to voting, and I am opposed. Please vote against these bills.
Thank you, Gay Brearley, Deerfield

Gay Brearley
Deerfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

daniel gorey
monroe, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Joanna
Sutton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Carol Bunk
Fran, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Radical behavior from NH. state legislature is threatening our freedom. We must get rid of all these gun loving extremists!!

Steve Fellows
Cornish, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Who controls New Hampshire; our citizen legislature or ALEC?

Jim Forrest
Franconia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kate Lancor
Moultonborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Sumner Bennett
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Stop tinkering with voters rights for political advantage

Gene Stollerman
Hanover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

David Tauber
Center Conway, NH
Apr 10, 2012

joan gale
Melvin Village, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Theresa Murphy
Derry, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I'm beginning to feel like we're dealing with the Gestapo in Concord and having to carry our papers with us at all times. Please vote no on SB289.

Holly Howes
Canaan, NH
Apr 10, 2012

photo ID is unnecessary and a violation of the individual right to vote

JOAN D LAMBERT
New London, NH
Apr 10, 2012

amy
manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

philip delany
windham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Carolyn Shulman
Bridgewater, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mrs. Margaret Hamm
Merrimack, NH
Apr 10, 2012

John Circharo
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I believe in equal rights for all citizens of the USA. Don't change what has worked for years.

Thomas H. Campbell
Littleton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Please don't waste taxpayer money to create laws that stop fraud that is not a problem in NH, while taking away the vote of honest citizens without a photo ID. Please focus your attention on the items we voted you in for.

Jamie Feinberg
Pinardville, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ed O'Connor
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

My elderly husband gave up his driver's license a year ago and no longer has a current photo id. That should NOT stop him from voting.

Josephine Morse
Waterville Valley, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I will not be intimidated.

K.Ev
Plymouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Michelle Hodgdon
Lee, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jennifer Clyne
Goffstown, NH
Apr 10, 2012

At best, this effort is a solution in search of a problem. At worst, it's an attempt to rig elections.

Eric Falconer
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Adam Johnson
Ashland, NH
Apr 10, 2012

We all know the real reason these kind of initiatives are pushed.

Rob Brown
Swanzey, NH
Apr 10, 2012

michael murray
salem, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Margaret Richardson
Berlin, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Fritz Siegrist
Milford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

ARE THEY TRYING TO CONTROL THE GOVERMENT? THAT'S WHAT DICTATORS DO.

JOSEPH GAUDET
NORTHWOOD, NH
Apr 10, 2012

We need more people to vote not fewer. The only case of voter fraud was O'Brien's son. That is no reason to disenfranchise seniors.

Robert W. Mann
Deerfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Lauren Chuslo-Shur
Kensington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Abby Fernandes
Weare, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I strongly believe that obstacles to the act of voting violate the principles of democracy.

Margery Bostrom
Grantham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

jeff vogt
henniker, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Leland Pollock
Conway, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Eric Snare
Keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Grace Burson
Plymouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

walter reeves
hanover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

leonard rudolf
lebanon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Thomas Dodge
Ossipee, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Madeline Boughter
Hanover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Richard Bourdon
Lyme, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Michael Gauthier
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Michael Cauble
Freedom, NH

Apr 10, 2012

Nancy Lory
Keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Patricia Dawson
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ryan McDermott
Barrington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

have the voter sign their name next to printed name on check list, cheap and a felony if they lie.

claire helfman
hollis, NH
Apr 10, 2012

David Richman
Durham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Raelene Shippee-Rice
Nottingham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Carol Wyndham
Peterborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Carl Swenso
Derry, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Bibiane Baptiste
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Many of the people who will be adversely affected should this bill pass live in small towns, such as Moultonboro, where I live. We all know each other & do not need photo IDs. Don't you have better issues to deal with?

Donna Given
Moultonboro, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Apr 10, 2012

Nancy Lory
Keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Patricia Dawson
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ryan McDermott
Barrington, NH
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Moultonboro, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kathryn Schwartz
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kris Lohmann
New London, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Linda Walsh
Hebron, NH
Apr 10, 2012

YET ANOTHER TEA PARTY ATTEMPT AT DESTROYING OUR DEMOCRACY. THIS IS NONSENSE
AND YOU KNOW IT.

Melissa Rigazio
Newcastle, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ruth meyer
Keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Charles Arnold
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Frank Wallace
Antrim, NH
Apr 10, 2012

There is no reason to fix something that isn't broken. I've been an election official for six years and have seen
or heard of no problems other than Speaker O'Brien's son breaking the election law in both Maine and New
Hampshire.

Larry B. Twitchell
Candia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ryan Wilber
Marlborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Milan Daler
Temple, NH
Apr 10, 2012

NH lawmakers need to stop walking in lockstep with the radical right wing agenda of the vocal minority in the GOP. Some independent thinking and common sense would be greatly appreciated!

Richard Lacourse
Deerfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Debra Hergert
Keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

John Friede
Peterborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I'm a supervisor of a checklist and I think we do a great job. There is no fraud in NH. It's a solution searching for a problem.

Jeanne Ludt
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Chris Finer
Bristol, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Tricia Marden
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Donna Wain
Windham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kinny Newell
Pelham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Susan E. Merrigan
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Cynde Lingamfelter
Rye, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Joan F Burns
Manchester, NH

Andrea Stanislaw
New Ipswich, NH
Apr 10, 2012

We cannot have barriers to voting in NH - Live Free or Die....have we forgotten?

Sue Tatten
Barrington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

geri jachim-gallagher
Newport, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Deborah Kaiser
Peterborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Douglas McLane
Plymouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jay Fee
W. Chesterfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Marianna Latchis
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Hank Parker
Hanover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Elizabeth Hadzima
Sandwich, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Rich Onufry
Center Barnstead, NH
Apr 10, 2012

John Greene
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Fran Harrow
Amherst, NH

Apr 10, 2012

Larry Chase
Andover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mary Heath
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Terri Jones
Dalton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

George Cashman
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Joanne Sirochman Kelso
Northfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Gwen Whitbeck
Mason, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Larry Perkins
Bedford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Stop dismantling our democracy. Protect voter rights now.

Karen Merriam
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Carol Johnson
Deerfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Bradley Millee
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Julie Schroepfel
Francestown, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ann Dillon
Hancock, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Iorna Austin
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Terri Nulph
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Stop making voting harder.

Nancy Jachim
Newport, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Robert Barr
Enfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I urge members of the NH Senate to cast their votes AGAINST SBs 289 & 318 as NH is not a state that experiences rampant voter fraud. Since when does creating barriers to an individual's right to freely and fairly cast their vote align with our state motto to live free or die? Respectfully submitted, Tara Kavanagh

Tara Kavanagh
Sunapee, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Pamela Venable
Wilton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Karin Jones
Swanzey Ctr, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Donald R. Collins Jr.
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Scott Lamothe
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Martha A. Gagnon
Hooksett, NH

Apr 10, 2012

francis markert
keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Rohan
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Janice Vien
Grantham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

SB 318 and SB 289 would infringe our right to vote.. Please rally to prevent passage of these two bills.

Darryl Cathers
Campton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Barbara Lambert
Holderness, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I am a supervisor of the checklist and honestly see no need for photo ID.

sally Curran
Lyndeborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

jim fijalkowski
hanover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

What happenend to smaller government & less government control. If it's not broken don't fix it.

Norma Briggs-White
FRANKLIN, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Helen Bouchard
Keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Sara Germain
Dublin, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Bruce Curtis-McLane
Jackson, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Gisela Pietrzak
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Matthew Rand
Madbury, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Joe Gallagher
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ronda MacLeod
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Thomas McDonough
Brentwood, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Andrea
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

pamela marcoux
Exeter, NH
Apr 10, 2012

is this another ALEC move?

reta chaffee-macgregor
goffstown, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Dear Senator Bragdon I urge you to defeat SB 289. There is no voter fraud in NH. The NH Attorney General's Office study confirms this. Voter ID is code for voter suppression. If the market place of ideas can only be rigged in favor of one party over another there can not be integrity in our system. SB 318 is another attempt at the Jim Crow laws of the segregated South. I know because I grew up in that environment. Threatening people who are only trying to exercise their right to register to vote is an abomination to NH people and their longstanding tradition of access to local government through voting. If you want to make this state a corporate run operation, look at its effect on Louisiana and Mississippi. Proud people but the Government is failing the people and the corporations are stealing them blind. NH is better than that and so are its people. Defeat these bills. Respectfully Jim Poplin

James Poplin
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 10, 2012

James and Donna Stamper
Grantham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Peter Marciniak
Hillsborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

S Stephanie
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Janet Caylor
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jimmy Sferes
Sutton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Please vote to defeat SB 289 and SB 318. To do otherwise is to undermine the democracy our country was founded on. Thank you

Paul Nichols
Loudon, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ted Walsh
Conway, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Stop wasting time on bills which do nothing to create jobs and only perpetuates fear and a paranoid theory based on no facts. This idea that our state has a huge problem with voter fraud is a fraud. It is a waist our our time to support those who support this law. The voters of New Hampshire are watching and thinking about how insane as it appears clear to me that the intention of this law is to suppress voters rights.

Jane Astley
rollinsford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jed Miller
Deerfield, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Richard L. Obin
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Matt Twitchell
bedford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Teresa Elliott
Wilton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mary Saunders
rochester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Andrew Tobin
Lancaster, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Voter fraud is a right-wing myth designed to disenfranchise the poor, elderly, minorities, and students - in other words, if you can't convince them they should vote for you, make sure they can't vote at all.

Jennifer Stremel
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

SUSAN
WINDHAM, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jessica
Gilmanton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Erik Olson
Union, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Marybeth Hallinan
Peterborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Anna Glover
Penacook, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Rosanne Beaurivage
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

VERY UNFAIR PROVISIONS DESIGNED TO PREVENT RESIDENTS FROM VOTING!

ANN GILBERT
NASHUA, NH
Apr 10, 2012

kirsten jeffery
portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

ANN GILBERT
NASHUA, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kristin Noel
Chichester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

We do not want to be in the same discriminatory league as Florida and Arizona. Let's do the right thing and defeat this bill!

Marcie Shearman
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Molly Lockwood
Peterborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Steven Woodbury
PLYMOUTH, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Stephen Jeffery
Barrington, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Adam Strohl
Hanover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Betty John
Middleton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Robert Bartlett
Newton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Stephen Pierce
Gilford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Stephen Griffin
Francestown, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mary-Margaret Murphy
Henniker, NH
Apr 10, 2012

It is difficult enough to manage in NH as a senior citizen, what with property taxes and energy costs. Let's insure they and others have easy access to voting without the need for photo IDs.

Anne Killeen
Fitzwilliam,, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Pete McVay
Atkinson, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Alan Brooks
Milford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Michela Verani
Londonderry, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Restricting voting rights is not the way to "Live Free."

Brenda Sens
Gilmanton, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kathe Higgins
Rumney, NH
Apr 10, 2012

The citizens of NH strongly reject the veiled attempt to limit voter registration and participation for political gain. The extreme agenda being advanced by the legislature is not representative of what NH is about.

John McMahon
Windham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

This legislation seems to be part of a broad movement in this country to disenfranchise large numbers of people. Please vote no!

David Leif Gerjuoy
Dover, NH
Apr 10, 2012

WE do not need voter ID. Stop the process now please.

Donald Bump
Ashland, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ann Dawson
Laconia, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jens Rieckmann
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Elizabeth Bean
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Marion Gannett
Dublin, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Jessica Ferren
Wilmot Flat, NH

Apr 10, 2012

Do not compromise our democracy.

Mona Movafaghi
Hollis, NH
Apr 10, 2012

richard palmer
salem, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Elias Mayo
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Gary Freeman
Pelham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Deborah Stey
Nashua, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Kenneth Ruby
Salem, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Scott Chase
Keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

louise richard
stratham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

John Davenport
Rochester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Michele Nevin
West Franklin, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Brandon Hobart
Concord, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Karen Davenport
Intervale, NH
Apr 10, 2012

gail hayes
keene, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Marc Bernier
Durham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Cindy Pulkkinen
Effingham, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Stop this foolishness. Voting is a right not a privilege.

michael marzelli
Newbury, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I think it is shameful that certain political factions(funded by the Koch brothers, A.L.E.C.) are trying to take away peoples votes , because that is the ONLY way they can win an election, by unfair tactics, stealing votes and preventing people from voting .

Sarah Taft
Franklin, NH
Apr 10, 2012

When you can't convince sane people to accept insane ideas you have to turn to stealing votes, election fraud, and lying propaganda mouthpieces like Limbaugh.

Laurence Wert
Hillsborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Protect NH's right to vote

Aspasia Michalopoulos
Manchester, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Charles J Cocchiario
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Patricia Cauchon
Amherst, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Mary Jo Baker
Bedford, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Ross Adams
Peterborough, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Laura Magzis
Penacook, NH
Apr 10, 2012

These bills are voter suppression and must be turned back!

Diana Curington
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Robert A Adjutant
Conway, NH
Apr 10, 2012

Justin Laurion
Boscawen, NH
Apr 10, 2012

I oppose this bill as it hinders the democratic process, decreasing those americans who can and cannot vote is unconstitutional and absurd.

Marc Adams
Laconia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The only difference I can see that SB 318 would make is asking for the party affiliation (if any) as part of the registration. I think this is unnecessary, but not problematic.

Adam Hanks
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

d. carr
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joan Fitzgerald
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please protect the right of all New Hampshire citizens to vote. Do not add unnecessary barriers to voting!

David G. Wilkins
Silver Lake, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This scurrilous attempt to prevent people from voting should not be approved. Some politicians have reached a new low in integrity.

Dortha Ann Morrill
Merrimack, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Wendy Edwards
Webster, NH
Apr 9, 2012

In addition, James O'keefe his Project Veritas operatives have broken laws in several States. He and his associates that broke NH laws when they attempted to register deceased persons as voters and any NH citizens that assisted him in conducting this outrage should be indicted by the appropriate department of NH State Government for breaking our existing voting legislation.

John Conaway
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Isn't this "governments intervention"? Over 18, 1 person 1 vote, no exceptions.

Patrick J King
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

cheda martis
surry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jean
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Chris Williams
Stratham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Aren't all of GOP, TeaPartys.complaining of our rights being taken away? So why are they trying to pass this law?

Olivia Jalbert
Sandown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kenneth Campbell, Jaffrey

Kenneth Campbell
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 9, 2012

As the old saying goes, "Don't fix it if it ain't broke." Why are the same legislators who push for less-government also pushing for more intrusions into individual liberties when it suits them? We don't need this legislation, so please vote against it.

Sharon Burnston
Epsom, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Darrell Neal
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jocelyn Shworak
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Voter fraud is not a problem in NH -- don't make barriers to voting.

Liz Fletcher
Mason, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ethan Wearn
Canterbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christine Merriman
Hartland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This legislation would be a big step back for civil rights.

Karen Ogg
Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I am a senior citizen who will one day be without a vehicle and a license. Then there will be no family to take me to get a photo ID or to the polls to exercise my right to vote. How can you argue that these anti voter bills will help me vote or make it to the polls to exercise my right to vote? These bills are not necessary and we all know why you propose them. If they pass, you don't deserve to be called good American citizens and you certainly don't stand for 'justice for all'.

Lawrence L. Lee Jr.
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul Laperriere
Derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

e.cecill
Cornish, NH
Apr 9, 2012

charles glover
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Cassandra Hitron
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I am against voter suppression. If this passes we will have to change our car plates to "Can't live to to die in New Hampshire" from "Live free or die in New Hampshire". To suppress or take away a person's right to vote is utter foolishness.

Gail M. Lynch
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rosemary T Clough
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rob Burgoff
Raymond, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Aaron Kendrick
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Elaine Bent
Etna, NH

Apr 9, 2012

John Miskus
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Elaine Bent
Etna, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dennis Schneider
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mimi Bravar
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

john reed
nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jennifer Bean
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Charles Bean
Conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This really is a very poorly veiled attempt to eliminate opposition voters. The most frequent voter fraud occurs inside the system, not by the voters.

michael daum
chocorua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

kristen lanigan
salem, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jon Weston
Pelham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Maureen McQuaid
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

M Pedersen
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Constance Eppich
Madbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Tegan O'Neill
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Martha LaFleur
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Neal W. Ferris
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Having to present a picture ID will hinder seniors, low income residents, the handicapped, minorities, anyone who is ill, will hinder their ability to vote and will prevent a barrier to their civil liberties.

Lynn Hand
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dennis Sirois
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ed Gerhard
Ctr Strafford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda Kipnes
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

We need to spend our energy removing barriers to participation in our political system, not erecting new ones. Build bridges, not walls.

J. Matthew Huyck
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jennifer Michelle Hauser
Nashua, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Mary Mynott Casey
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ashley Clark
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Erling Jorgensen
Henniker, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda McKenzie
Eaton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

kathryn russell
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathleen McKernan
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This is nothing but a right-wing plot to disenfranchise legal voters who generally vote for democrates. This is wrong.

Mark Schauer
Dublin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Leo & Shirley Spencer
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dianne Rochford
Newport, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Steve Hedges
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

William Ground
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Tiffany-Ann Hakes
Haverhill, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Allison Davis
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Thomas Kehler
HANOVER, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sue Jukosky
Grafton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Arthur Bjork
Salem, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michael Macri
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ruth Zecchini
Lyndeborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Donna Yarrington
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ginny Schneider
Henniker, NH
Apr 9, 2012

glen macinnis
auburn, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Live free or die!

c f opitz
DANBURY, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Steven C Henricks, MD
Exeter, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Chris Bentivoglio
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Chiari Legare
Claremont, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Yes, keep the government 4 the people....

william c graves
portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nancy Hotchkiss
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda Fenn
Grantham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Franklin Gould
Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Valerie Morrison
Strafford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Janet Sullivan
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Hollie Legee
exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rebecca Gray
Lyme, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Brenda mercado
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jane Norman
Sutton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Shirley McDougall
Campton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jane St. Amand
Derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda Poire
Gilford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Flint
Henniker, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Addison Neva
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

kristin Lizotte
Wilmot, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Becky Mulkern
Conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nancy Emerson
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dan Hubbard
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Bea Baxter
Campton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robin Bettencourt
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patrice M. Shaw
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John Tupper
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Liese Shewmaker
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Stuart Russell
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

maureen o' brien
Fitzwilliam, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jason Nadeau
Nottingham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Arthur Rand
Grantham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patrice Martin
Wilmot, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Prior
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John C Caputo
Canaan, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jane Kitchel
Lyme, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Walter Simons
Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rachel Cilley
Madbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara A. MacInnes
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

My experience voting here in Exeter has been excellent with enough save guards to provide citizens the right to vote without need of further efforts to prevent fraud.

Helen Lauenstein
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Carolyn Sapir
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Kierstead
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Pete Richardson
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Herb Moyer
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This legislation is trickery and totally unnecessary. enough of this idiocy.

Stanley E.Piper
Gilford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Elenore Freedman
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Katie Bowler
Merrimack, NH
Apr 9, 2012

the only ones committing voter fraud in NH are Republicans

Alice MacKinnon
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sean McGarry
Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Leave the N.H. voting laws alone.

Marilyn Weir
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Alice Fuld
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Landers
eee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Tracey Satish
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eric Miller
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michael Diamond
jackson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Cynthea Frongillo
Wilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christine Saltus
Stratham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David E. Lamson
Raymond, NH
Apr 9, 2012

What's next, changing our state motto?

Bruce Way
Suncook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

normenta j jacquith
alexandria, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Stanley
Hopkinton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Janet Szarmach
Stratham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Making it harder for people to register to vote is contradictory to the Constitution, and to our freedoms. We do NOT need more stupid laws. We need a legislature that is working for NH people, not ALEC and corporations

Lee Baldwin
Northwood, NH
Apr 9, 2012

this is not the Nh way!!

michael wilber
marlborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Helen Ogden
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sandra Gagnon
Pinardville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Evan Fulmer
Merrimack, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Do not infringe on the rights of individuals to vote!

Ken Roos
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jarod Reinhard
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Yvonne Grove
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Noelle
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

please help the middle class

Jerry Michaud
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Tonya McMurray
Croydon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kara Roy
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The tradition of political engagement in New Hampshire is one of community and inclusiveness, not exclusion.

Lucy Randall-Tapply
Ashland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please don't limit the freedom of all citizens to vote, Many older folks who lose their driver's license because of illness do not have any other ID. It's not the NH way to deprive such seniors the right to vote.

John Van Ness
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 9, 2012

norman emmons
Charlestown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

William O Crawford
Chester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kristen Treacy
Pittsfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Deborah Allard
Strafford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jean Brown
hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mark McLellan
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Greg Joy
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

brenda Maclellan
Henniker, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Gordon
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

It's hard enough to get people to the polls without putting additional restrictions on their privilege.

Carol Stiver
Newton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

patricia delzell
goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Deborah Dworak
Cornish, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Roger Eugene Poire
Gilford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

sean salstrom
merrimack, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Julianne
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Amy
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anne and Ken Fields
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gerald Doughty
Winchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dwight S. Haynes
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Deborah Bruss
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Leave the voting regulations alone

Lou Lange
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Terry Phillips
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John Treacy
Pittsfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

patsy slothower
Center Sandwich, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Donald Hardwick
Epping, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Helene Shields
Alton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gregory Wood
Laconia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jack & Susan Dixon
Candia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Beatrice Gillette
Goshen, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Will someone in government please step forward and stop this progression to a fascist police state!

Gregory R. Anderson
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Amy Green
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nancy Iannuzzelli
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Norman Simoneau
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

We should be doing everything we can to encourage people to vote, not to place barriers in their way!

Richard & Jessie Osborne
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James Travers
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Stewart
rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Drysdale
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rodney and Lee Roberts
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John & Kathy Rowe
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kyle Brandt
Hopkinton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Frank Dialessi
Surry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Evie Hammerman
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Theodore C. Bense
Mirror Lake, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jim Crow laws are not needed in NH !!!

Christopher W. Sanborn
Wilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Voting rights have been hard earned by many of our citizens. Let us not go backwards now, but continue to protect that right as we move towards our national election.

Linda Lea Snyder
Nottingham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Karyn Hagen
Surry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Marge Thibeau
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

roseanne kramer
grafton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I'm against any bill that takes away voting rights. This is totally unacceptable!

Joanna Henderson
New London, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John F Fernandez
Hampstead, NH
Apr 9, 2012

victoria smith
Grantham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

monica burnor
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

patricia Laplante
concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Douglas Marshall
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paula Singer
Kensington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

pat meyers
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jennifer D Harris
North Walpole, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eileen O'Meara
Bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

My mother is 102. She stopped driving several years ago and no longer has a photo I.D. She is housebound, and it would be a major hardship for her to get a photo I.D. She is one of the people who would be disenfranchised by the law. And she would be horrified if her voting rights were taken away. She is still a brilliant woman and it would be a huge blow to tell her she couldn't vote. She is a proud citizen, and proud of the fact that she has never missed an election.

Amy & Yehuda Daskal
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

pamela martin
plymouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rebecca Buzzell
Strafford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

diane
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Carolyn
Bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Goldhor
Tamworth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

William K. Stahl
Walpole, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eiric Marro
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Shaun Provost
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Daniel St. James
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mark Constance
Brentwood, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Nancy Pierce
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

margaret merrigan
nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nancy
Merrimack, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please do not make it more difficult to vote in New Hampshire! As a ballot clerk, I can say that we want as many citizens to come out to vote as possible. We do NOT want to suppress the vote, particularly when voter fraud is not happening in New Hampshire.

Sharon Thagard
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John G. David
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sarah Thorne
Gilmanton IW, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Why do ANYTHING to reduce our already too low turnout?

Chuck Rhoades
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan R Kepner
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathleen Thurston
Merrimack, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ann Hodsdon
Rumney, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Alison Ellsworth
Lyme, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Make voting and registering easier, not more difficult!

Stephanie Giancola
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

the biggest threat to voter fraud seems to be gathered around the dining table at the speakers home. Why do real NH people think this is a threat? Why can't we focus on real issues? Thanx little bill for wasting a lot of time, money and energy.

john canepa
warner, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mark Dillon
Colebrook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Gogolen
Surry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Julia Gray
Brookline, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Donald E. Brady
Wilmot, NH
Apr 9, 2012

G. Scherer
Windham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathy Mack
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kenneth Berry
Strafford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nathaniel Brooks
NASHUA, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Maura Fay
EXETER, NH
Apr 9, 2012

As a Manchester city Selectman, I can tell you implicitly that there is no need for anyone to have to show me an ID. The system in place works, and offers no undue burden to anyone coming in to vote.

Deborah Smith
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Let our voices be heard!

Deborah Oshman
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda Bowden
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The phrase "If it isn't broken, don't try to fix it" comes to mind. Please follow that good advice.

William Todd
Strafford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

john franzosa
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gregory Berry
Hopkinton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lorrie Eaton
Rumney, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ali Frates
Raymond, NH
Apr 9, 2012

charles merrigan
nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joseph McNally
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

gloria perrin
Keene Nh, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda Fletcher
Candia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nancy Heath
Epsom, NH
Apr 9, 2012

suzann buckley
Surry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The people at the polls here in my town would not appreciate the additional task of proving who they are before folks who've known them for 25 years.. Bad bill- bust it!!

David Brown
Sunapee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

You had better start listening to the people because we are listening to you. We will follow in Wisconsin's shoes if necessary.

anne mcurry
Newmarket, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Statton Rice
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Karen Langdon
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Fernand Martin
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Charles E. Hornbeck
Marlborough, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Please vote against this bill. I work with the Geriatric population as a nurse. Many, many of them do not have this ID and are still interested in voting. many of these people do not have the ability to even get such an ID

mary byrne
francestown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dennis Race
HOOKSETT NH, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jay Bowers
Franklin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Emily Bowers
Kensington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joseph Onosko
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jeff Davis
pike, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nancy O'Neil
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Geoffrey Clark
portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jean Leventhal
Dublin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

We don't need any more hoops to go thru. They are not necessary.

Holly Duke
Tuftonboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Thomas Stone
West Lebanon, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Julia Griffin
Milford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Harrington
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Andrea Carta
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

rosemary mack
Dublin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Geoffrey Cunningham
Tamworth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Pyles
Stoddard, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Karen Burgess Smith
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Timothy Bishop
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eric Kolifrath
Pelham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Fewer obstacles to voting, not more. Let the pollworkers do their jobs, and let the citizens vote.

Ian Bentham
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James Lemay
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

cathleen soleyn
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

we have come to far for our freedoms to be taken away now. Live free or die!!!

tasha LaRose
newport, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Charmaine Hildebrand
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kristen Zaffini
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jeremy McHugh
Pinardville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Karrick
WARNER, NH
Apr 9, 2012

katherine stratemeyer
peterborought, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Elaine and Bob Belliveau
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathleen Ready
Hinsdale, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Deborah Thurber
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Tracy Nudd-Homeyer
Newport, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rennie Evans
Strafford, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Mary Cantlin
Grantham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Margaret Femia
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The only thing that needs to be done in regards to "voter fraud" is providing funding to local towns to make sure they have city staff that keep the voter rolls up to date. That solves voter fraud, disenfranchising voters by making them jump through hoops does not solve voter fraud, what it does is limit the right and ability to vote. Doing so is not a democratic action, that is the action of a totalitarian state. This is unacceptable for NH.

John Pelletier
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I feel that the more people who vote the better, the system we have works just fine, making it hard to vote is just plain wrong.

Rebecca Fee
Salem, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Noel Jost-Coq
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John D. Wyndham, PhD (Physics)
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

G. Phillips
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathleen Kelly
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mellanie L'Abbe
Sullivan, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Hank Ciofrone
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Faith Rupert
Guilford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathryn H. Kerman
Marlborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jonathan Bogan
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gwyneth Tolman
Surry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Cohen
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Bob Butcher
NORTH SANDWICH, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sharron Chiodo
Canaan, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Helen Fine
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Deborah Adams
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Bonnie MacLean
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert D. Noffle
Wilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

jane birk
Sutton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan MacKenzie
Lyme, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jim Lintner
franklin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Heinz Sauk-Schubert
Newmarket, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Wiltrud Mott-Smith
Loudon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Georgia Cunningham
Kensington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

sheila Groonell
exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

C. Pfluger
Surry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John Atkinson
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The NH Legislature wants to control every aspect of our lives with one law or regulation after another. And they're the ones who CLAIM TO HATE BIG GOVERNMENT!

Steven Daigle
Warner, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Adams
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

julie berthiaume
berlin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The last thing we need at this point is more unnecessary laws to address problems that don't exist.

John Keppler
W Chesterfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Maureen Morrison
Brentwood, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Why do Republicans want fewer people to vote. I guess it's because the additional folks don't vote the "right way". At least that's what O'Brien said about college students. Let's let everyone have a vote.

Larry Spencer
Plymouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John Bass
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The Rs are taking us back to the 18th century.

William Overholt
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

karen Blanchette
Walpole, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Pat Theiss
Milton Mills, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Candace Ann Vanasse
Tilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Beth Nelson
Derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kevin Connerton
Freedom, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Allison Shaw
Wakefield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Moira McKinnon
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Timothy M. McKernan
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

All citizens should be allowed to vote. We are not fooled by the proposed limitations. This is a democracy and you should act as though you respected that fact Judith Custer

Judith Agasi Custer
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

SANDRA DAME-ST.GELAIS
SANBORNTON, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Diane Hines
Windsor, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mina Connor
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Peter Taubman
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Aquilina
Northfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Karen Jennings
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathy Gray
Hillsboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Caitlin LeMay
Rollinsford, NH, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Henry Lahey
Kensington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Bill sharp
Holderness, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michelle Donovan
Farmington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

nicholas goumas
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul Bourassa
Bow, NH
Apr 9, 2012

enough is enough

john lehmanski
merrimack, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Keep voting accessible to all!!

Christine M. Aliouche
Greenland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

There are some people who can not afford a picture ID as it cost money and they are on a fixed income. Constution says they have the right to vote. You have no right to violate peoples constitutional rights because voting ballots are not updated with names of the deceased. A violation of Human rights. Shame on New Hampshire congress peoples. You should be voted out of office get with the program and find a feasible solution without violating someones constitutional rights..

virginia syvinski
franklin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Pamela Kelly
Nottingham, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Joanne F. Oscadal
Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eileen Sheehan Willet
Francestown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jennifer Casey
Kingston, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Garrett Rowe
Wilmot, NH
Apr 9, 2012

J. Levin
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jill M. Mayes
Bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Peter Uribe
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

lynda Bloomberg
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Charles B. Yeaton
epsom, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Herber
Laconia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Voting is what makes the U.S. the U.S, it is what prevents totalitarianism. Nothing should be done to discourage this most important right!

carol hooper
Contoocook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christine Crabb
Piermont, NH
Apr 9, 2012

henry perron
portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jon Maatta
Plymouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Charles Holdsworth
Newmarket, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joanne Piper
keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul E Spencer
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul vaillancourt
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

joan sweeney
derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Frona Avery
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James Maguire
Brentwood, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dave Momenee
Milford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Thomas Forsyth
Hooksett, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gary Way
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The dignity of NH's citizens is profound protection against fraud.

Sylvia Thayer
Milton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

jon hively
north conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Clivio-Wentup
Newport, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Thomas Clancy
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Costa
Derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

You are statistically more likely to be struck by lightning than encounter voter fraud in the US. This is nothing more than an attempt to disenfranchise thousands of voters.

Esther Diamondstone
Pinardville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I have always been proud of New Hampshire's policy of making it possible and easy for every eligible voter to vote. Why would we take this giant backward step. As Town Moderator in Piermont I have never witnessed any attempt to commit voter fraud and in the state trainings I have attended the lack of voter fraud has been a reason to celebrate our policies. Please stand your ground and make it possible for everyone who is eligible to vote.

Joyce Tompkins
Piermont, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Don't let this insane legislature restrict voting to exclude older, poorer peop[le]. That's not democracy.

Joan Plummer
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Steve Mattson
Middleton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anna Raike
Bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David MacVane
Barrington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Widger
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Bridget Benedict
Wilmot Flat, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ella Klein
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

"voter fraud" is virtually nonexistent - The well informed voting public knows exactly what is going on here,
and we do not accept or believe it

Francine Cote
Laconia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Alane Barrett
Moultonboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

voting is important for a democracy..don't make it harder to vote!

Natacha Sochat
Weare, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Beware: This and other legislation like it is driven by a view that voting is too important a right to be extended to everybody. If you can't pay or don't care to get the required ID you don't deserve to vote. Who decides who can vote? Who dares to say voting is too great a privilege to be extended to everyone. Who excludes whom? Beware, it may next be decided you don't deserve to vote.

Barbara Houston
Northwood, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Hands off voting access...it's not broken so don't fix it!

Lyle Jensen
Stoddard, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eckart Wieske
Jackson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

H.D. Horton
Canterbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Helen Brock
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

LouisLemieux
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michelle Wilson
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jean C. Sanders
Atkinson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Janice E.Hassett
Windham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christopher George
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

MARCEL LIBERGE
MANCHESTER, NH
Apr 9, 2012

marvin dennis wachs
bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Adria Bregani
Greenfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

What are you thinking It's time you do what your elected for and work FOR the people not against us

Lenny Novak
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please stop this right wing regression. We've all had enough.

Peter S. diCicco
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sharon Provost
Manchsester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dorothy Hewitt
Salem, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patti Cohen
north sutton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Catherine Behrens
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nathan Arnold
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patricia Eckels
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joan T GILMOUR
South Tamworth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Stanley Herbert Arthur
Loudon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Alfred Lapitino
Warner, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Armelle Trogisch
Chester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathy Roy
Milford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Marie E. Macozek
Laconia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul Leo Leclerc
Berlin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Evelyn Hidalgo
Pelham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sam Gonzalez
Plymouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Julie Smith
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ruth O'Neal
South Effingham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eric Posmentier
West Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Keith LeFebvre
Windham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Maureen McNeil-Stone
Center Ossipee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Winston Sims
Harrisville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Geralyn Lorrey
Wilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

We are becoming a nation ruled by fear and not by simple guidelines. I vote against and barriers that further regulate a citizens right to vote - and support the idea of finding ways to make voting easier and more accessible to NH citizens.

Kusala
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Terry
Gilmanton Iw, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sheldon Perry
Tamworth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Everybody should be able to "vote". EVERYBODY. That's what our constitution says...

Jeffrey Starratt
Chesterfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please vote against any bill the makes it more difficult to exercise our right to vote. This is a right we are guaranteed. Sincerely, Judith A. Rothemund

Judith Rothemund
Laconia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Burns
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Thomas Callahan
Henniker, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kristen Westhoven
Deerfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

abigail fuller
antrim, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Do not try to limit who votes in NH! Please. Though well-intentioned, what is the issue??? Are "aliens" really usurping the vote? Really?

John Balch
Wilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Julie Knight
Windham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ellen and Bruce Clement
Westmoreland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lucinda Griswold
Candia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Wrightsman
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

New Hampshire doesn't need outsiders (ALEC) telling us how to fix a problem we DON'T HAVE!

Marilyn Britton
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Andrew S Mazer
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John Jordan
Hancock, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Thank you.

Bette Jo Scott
Pinardville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

New Hampshire is not South Carolina, or Georgia or Mississippi, but the radical right wing Tea Party is trying to change NH's voters from Independent thinkers to social bigots.

Richard O'Donnell
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ethan Hawkins
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sam Ruderman
Hopkinton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Donald F. Davis
Unity, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I'm proud to live in New Hampshire, a state that values the freedom to vote. How terrible it would be to limit this right by making it difficult for the mostly under privileged to cast a vote because of lack of a photo? My parents were immigrants who didn't drive but were able to vote without a photo ID. Voting forms would have intimidated them. They left such denial of rights in Europe and now the NH Legislature wants to make it difficult for people like them?! Who is next? This is not who we citizens of the state stand for- Do not support SB 289 or 318. Let freedom ring. Barbara Sliwinski Dover, NH 03820

Barbara Sliwinski
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sharon Adams
Swanzey Ctr, NH
Apr 9, 2012

These bills represent vicious barriers to participation in our democracy. Any claim that they are aimed at voting fraud is itself fraudulent. As a lawyer I find the bills duplicitous in intent and abhorrent to equal voting rights.

Andrew Stewart
Enfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

My disabled son has been unable to vote since he turned 18. Laws like these are designed to stop certain groups of people from voting, not provide real protection from voter fraud.

Karen Schreiber
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lorri Hayes
mont vernon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jo Ellen Ryan
Canterbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Protect NH's Right to Vote!

Sylvie Stewart
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Beverly Hollingworth
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lowell Williams
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Pam McDonald
Hopkinton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joy Kubit
New London, NH
Apr 9, 2012

diane
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Diana Goluke
Enfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathryn DiCola
Litchfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anthony Samsel
Deerfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lisa Durocher
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

It is extremely important that we put no roadblocks in the way for registered voters to exercise their right to vote. NH has never had a problem with voter fraud.

Ruth Underwood
Bow, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Marie Landroche
Gilford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

peter manning
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

ann fortune
manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Glenn Williams
PENACOOK, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I've lived in New Hampshire for 30 years and have never heard of any widespread voter fraud. This legislation itself is voter fraud.

Arthur Fried
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Let's also encourage our youngest registered voters to participate in our democracy by not placing any barriers to their right to vote in New Hampshire.

Linda Royer
Northwood, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Suzanne Benson
Sunapee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michelle
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Roland
Allenstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lisa Bowie
Gorham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The problem is election fraud, not voter fraud.

gary walker
campton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michelle Duford
Tilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

henri vaillancourt
greenville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Frank Clay
New Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Martha Copithorne
Center Ossipee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mary Ashcliffe
Henniker, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Francois De La Bruere
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Stephen Dulli
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Louis Garinger
West Chesterfield, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Robert Smith
Moultonboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

holly Baskin
hampstead, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Elizabeth Hart
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eric Leonard
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kimberley Hayes
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Raymond Lanier
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michael Giguere
Litchfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

If we really believe in less intrusive government...we should have fewer bills like this one...

Diane Carson
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Arthur Pinkerton
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christopher Doherty
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

alice Nulsen
Springfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Heather McDarby
Candia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Claire Mead
Haverhill, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Carol Lafond
Sanbornville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Doug Embree
Franklin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gerald J. Ouellette
Plymouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anne K Tregea
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Terry Kepner
Bennington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lynn West
Boscawen, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The voter fraud would be in preventing citizens from voting in is-this a democratic country?

Janet Collett
Marlow, NH
Apr 9, 2012

paul thompson
manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This type of legislation intends to disenfranchise as many voters as possible who might vote against the republican party.

Rebecca Dixon
Meredith, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lee carvalho
Andover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Karen Vaughan
Rye, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Colleen Randall
West Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michael Brosnan
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

ILSE ANDREWS
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Siena Kaplan
Tamworth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Amy
Unity, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lucille Lacombe
Antrim, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lauren Banker
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nevin S, Scrimshaw
Campton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James Reeves
Milford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

S. Petersen
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

jason meagher
Greenland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

SB289 is an affront to the democratic process, in a clear attempt to disenfranchise voters. You are taking draconian steps to solve a problem that does not exist.

Lynne Fox
Tilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

There is no evidence of voter fraud in New Hampshire and this bill merely makes it difficult for seniors, minorities, college students and disables people to be able to exercise their right to vote in any and all elections.

Marilyn Otterson
Bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Capron
Hampton Beach, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Korinna Latchis
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jane Miller
Deerfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Evanell Trow
Bow, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This bill is a copy of similar legislation provided by the ultra conservative, right-wing organization known as ALEC. ALEC produces "model bills" that any state legislature can adapt by filling in the blanks. It is the goal of this kind of legislation to disenfranchise as many voters as possible who might vote against the republican party. This is not the American way.

David Nichols
Fremont, NH
Apr 9, 2012

pamela devine
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Brian Mahoney
Marlow, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Marilyn Otterson
Bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Steve Wade
Washington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John P Noonan
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Chris Duggan
Alexandria, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Carol
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gloria S. Andrews
Chichester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jonathon Iax
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mary Lou Heavey
Henniker, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This is too important to leave up to legislators.

Teresa mullen
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jay Lambert
Wilmot Flat, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda Lambert
Wilmot Flat, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Donna Barr
Milford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Grace Ellis
Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Levenson
Nottingham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Fisher
Weirs Beach, NH
Apr 9, 2012

The 99% needs to take back control of the government at all levels. Vote to sink SB 289 and SB 318.

Hunter Farnham
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

These bills represent more efforts at voter suppression, part of the national right-wing effort organized by the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Gary McCool
Rumney, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Keep voting as is!

Erin smart
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rob McCoul
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jan Stevens
Plymouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

jaye aldrich
marlow, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I was a voter registrar and elections official in the town of Temple for many years, and saw no attempts at voter fraud, but saw many voters for whom standing in long lines was difficult anyway, and for whom extending that time while an official checks the photo ID of every person ahead of them in line will make it even more difficult. I believe it is our duty to make voting simple for every eligible citizen of New Hampshire, and to reject unnecessary restrictions on that freedom. Thank you.

Katharine Dean
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jeannine Desrosiers
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

There is no evidence that "Voter fraud" is a problem. This proposed legislation is in fact a spurious attempt at voter suppression.

Maurice D. Geiger
North Conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ann Bardin
Merrimack, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Seems like current procedures are plenty to prevent fraudulent voting! What's the problem with leaving the law as is?

Bob Szacik
Hampton Beach, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sandy Bothmer
Brookline, NH
Apr 9, 2012

We should be encouraging more legitimate citizens to register and vote, not discourage them.

Penny Voyles
Wakefield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda Young
New Boston, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Page
Kensington, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Jerry Conner
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This bill is completely wrong. I would like to see our legislature work on real problems not waste time on nonsense. There is virtually NO Voter fraud in New Hampshire! Fix something that is broken rather than this right wing politics to prevent access to voters.

Nancy Seager
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Art Maerlender
Wilmot, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Bryan Field
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Donna Houle
Epping, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Misty Crompton
New Boston, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joseph Tanner
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

charlotte Sanborn
hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Alex Twombly
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please don't take away the right to vote in the name of supposedly protecting against voted fraud!

Sandra Cole
North Sandwich, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jennifer Holt
Sanbornton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jan
Barrington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

stephen robinson
loudon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Live FREE or die. Right?

Stephen Collette
Greenville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rae Dawn Chong
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

marie lyford
portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jane S. Theuner
Sunapee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Martha Kruse
Laconia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Donald Eckhardt
Canterbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Curtis Finney
Jackson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Darlene Butterfield
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

robert nickel
Hampton, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Stan Sheltra
East Hampstead, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kate Doyle
Weare, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mike Specian
Windham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Laura Spelke
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

NH Legislature is far more bent in taking rights away from NH citizens than it is in jobs and economy!
Anything to keep away from the MAIN JOB!

Jerry Amos
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Woodward
New Boston, NH, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please vote against these bills

Gail MacInnes
Francestown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Geraldine MacDonald
Moultonborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Cheval Rex
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ellen Jahos
Alstead, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gina Randall
londonderry, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Mary Ann Croker
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

William Palmer
Cornish, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nur Ritter
Hancock, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Daniel Seth Thomas
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

ellen oshea
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

We're supposed to live free here in NH. There's absolutely no reason to make it difficult for people to vote in out state. I don't understand why our legislators would vote to do this.

Barbara Helmstetter
Epping, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John Baron
West Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Bulkeley
Campton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Elizabeth Scadova
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda Griebisch
Greenland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Roon Frost
Francestown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sylvia Russell
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Denis Quinlan
Orange, NH
Apr 9, 2012

An un-needed bill.

Timothy Smith
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

George J. Anderson
Chocorua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Not all citizens have the means or opportunities to obtain a photo ID. Blocking them out of being able to vote is an infringement upon their rights as American citizens.

Timothy Maccabe
Merrimack, NH
Apr 9, 2012

william gould
New Boston, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ron Royer
Deerfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Brian Bresnahan
Groveton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Daniel Chick
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathleen
Northwood, NH
Apr 9, 2012

karie bresnahan
groveton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

These laws purport to solve a problem that does not warrant such drastic measures. In a democracy, it is important to make sure that voting is protected as a right and can be accessible to all.

ira gavrin
Marlborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gregory F. Stelzner
Piermont, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Diane Cordelle
Hancock, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This bill wastes everyone's time, since there seems to be about zero voter fraud that anyone can document. So why do the Republicans push this? As we saw a few years ago -- with Jim Tobin & Co. -- the Republicans' agenda includes trying to keep anyone away from the polls who is more likely to vote Democratic than Republican.

Michael Whitman
Lyme, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ruth Powelson
Penacook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Stephanie Smith
Pittsfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

George Draper
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Do not limit anyone's right to vote if they are eligible to.;

Maria Borowy
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

In order to be on the voting registration initially you have to show proof of residency at that time. This is another invasion of our rights.

Phyllis Peterson
Fitzwilliam, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Carolmae Encherman
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Holt
Somersworth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

B. Grimm
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul Tierney
New Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

sheila Sahpleigh
Alton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Make it easier to vote, not harder. This bill is a solution in search of a problem. If people are seeking to have less regulation why are you trying to pass more, especially isf there is no problem to begin with.

Martin Singer
Hanover NH, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mary Rauh
New Castle, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sylvia R. Kennedy, M.D.
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Betty Efron
North Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sara
Contoocook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Vernon Contessa
Weare, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Thomas Westheimer
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Driscoll
West Chesterfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I may not be driving for many more years and feel for the old folks who would have to go to extra steps to get a photo id.

Carolyn Demorest
Dublin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paula Kochien
Plymouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Betty Kitsis
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Karen Purcell
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Steve
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Steve Cardwell
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jon Batson
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Amy Bodwell
Marlborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

We are tired of your disregard for a pure democracy. We are also weary of your ideological influence upon our lives. "We" are the patriotic ones while you consistently disguise your agenda as being representative of the people. It is NOT as such. I would suggest that you research the occurrences of voter fraud which are so minimal - your agenda is contrary to such a need to amend the laws. Perhaps you're not as educated (or for that matter possess any semblance of common sense) as we all thought you to be :) I am proud to call myself an American - an educated and informed one at that. I assure you that I have gotten to the point where my love for this country is quickly fading because of initiatives such as this. Time to let go of your arrogance... the people don't care to take it anymore - by "people", I mean the educated and informed ones- not the self-serving, ignorant, and the inhumane type.

Timothy
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sandy [Sanford] Isaacs
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 9, 2012

tom hawkins
temple1, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Voting is a precious privilege of all Americans.

Susan Ginsburg
Westmoreland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Stamps
Laconia, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sandra Gendron
Dunbarton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

George Bozeman
Deerfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Much was made of James O'Keefe's video that supposedly offered proof that voter fraud is rampant in New Hampshire. The people who were videotaped violating New Hampshire law were a) not New Hampshire citizens; and b) paid to violate the law and be caught doing so on tape. Please don't restrict our most fundamental right because of a politically motivated prank that insults the integrity of ALL New Hampshire voters, regardless of their political beliefs!

Jen Friend
Orford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Megan Taylor
East Derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christopher Munsey
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John Grainger
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ult Mundane
Temple, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I was a Supervisor of the Check List for several years and we had no problem with voter fraud.

Donna S North
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Elizabeth Hever
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Amy Tank
Nottingham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patrick Clark
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rev. Dr. Cynthia T. Morse
Salem, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michael OSullivan
Madbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

A citizen's right to vote is something which should not be hindered by having to show an ID. This law is totally wrong for New Hampshire and it would adversely affect those who are least able to speak up for themselves. I totally oppose this bill. Jeannie Goodwin, Dover, NH

Jeannie F. Goodwin
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please help protect ALL OF OUR citizen's constitutional right to vote by not supporting SB289. Thank you for all that you do.

Sonja Martineau
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anne Cunningham
Freedom, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please protect everyone's voting rights! This is a right...not a privilege. Vote against SB 289 and SB 318.

Peggy Howard
Hancock, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dolores Lewis
Salem, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathleen Vigil
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Meghan Rojas
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jane Ellen Moss Newbury, NH

Jane Moss
Newbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Donna Edgar
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Tim Brown
Tamworth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Jones
Grantham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sharon Cox
Franklin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sarah Cullen
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Caitlin Parnell
Hampstead, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

lisabeth wotherspoon
milton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Larry Weil
Salem, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mary Dupre
Salem, NH
Apr 9, 2012

There is no problem to warrant this legislation in the first place!!

Shireen Nickel
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Carol Caldwell
Dover, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Sara Dustin
Contoocook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Alec Behr
Conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

JAMES WHEDON
GRANTHAM, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Leslie
Salem, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Carbonneau
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dr. Michael L. Cline
Center Conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

No one is fooled that this effort is to SURPRESS votes for Democrats. NO ONE! Do not vote to gut our democracy

Jeanne Stapleton
New Boston, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Tim Moody
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patricia Craig
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christopher Toy
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Pam Parris
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sharon L Fernie
Raymond, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Karl Kaiser
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kim Hall-Sprague
Ashland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joaquin Paez
Meredith, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Norma Miarecki
Madison, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Having survived WW II in the Netherlands, I cherish every day I may live in freedom as a citizen of USA and New Hampshire

Titia L. Bozuwa
Sanbornville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patricia Gallo White
North Sandwich, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michael Brittan
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Virginia Lee
N.Walpole, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Protect every NH citizen's right to vote by NOT SUPPORTING SB 289.

Katharine S. Christie
Etna, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Vivian Bingham
Newmarket, NH
Apr 9, 2012

sally Widerstrom
Plymouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jason Riley
Windham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John Rowntree
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ronald Jager
Washington, NH 03280, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nancy Pape
Madbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

barbara h briggs
Newmarket, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James Mahoney
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Without any evidence that there is anything wrong with our current system of voting, all care should be taken to avoid making it more difficult for legal voters to vote. All other action is just denying someone else's right to vote in order to magnify one's own.

Fred Giuffrida
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ruth Sample
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

eugene cruz
manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Bernasconi
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Frank W Morin
Berlin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathleen Whitney-Heuss
Hooksett, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Maggie Martin
Henniker, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul Gustin
Madbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Resident of Pelham, NH

B. Scott Andersen
Pelham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Craig
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jennifer Allen
North Sandwich, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lynne Edwards
Dayton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Zlotnick-Hale,MD
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gordon Lang
Ossipee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Shallenberger
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lee Richardson
Sutton, NH

Apr 9, 2012

G M Malitas
Surry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Emily James
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jennifer Ann Miville
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Vote out the speaker also

David Smith
Sawzey, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Why is this bill necessary? There is no existing proof that voter fraud is a problem. However history, as well as current experience, has shown that political candidates are the ones who should be closely monitored. There are many instances where candidates have "stolen votes, ballot boxes, etc. etc. in order to win election. Rather than penalize the voter with this bill, I suggest we make it impossible for dishonest politicians to win elections! Do not make it more difficult for the honest voter to voteQ

Roger Berlinguette
hooksett, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Garth Fletcher
Mason, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James McGuire
New London, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patricia Goodman
etna, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I strongly urge you to vote against any bill that places barriers to a citizen's right to vote in NH. You will also taking up SB318 which makes changes to our voter registration forms. These changes are unnecessary. Plrase protect our rights by voting against SB289 and SB318

Judith Moran
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Meredith Covell Smith
Enfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Norman Fizz
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara French
Henniker, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lets work on the economy not stupid laws

Russell Allen
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michael-Astynax Caminiti
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

paul piscitelli
campton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

JoAnn Davis
Gorham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Stephan Cleaves
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

kathy frost
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jessica Skinner
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

It's our right to be able to vote why are you trying to take that away from us is beyond me. Don't sign the 2 bills that is in this letter bills SB 289 and SB318

Warren Bye
Kingston, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Amy Proctor
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Deborah Simm
Derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

These bills are solutions for non-existent problems. No one is going to impersonate someone else just to vote!

William E Stubblefield
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Elaine C. Davis
Shelburne, NH
Apr 9, 2012

meg gilman
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Matthew Wood
Rye, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Brent Ladman
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Will Thomas
Auburn, NH
Apr 9, 2012

IF IT AINT BROKEN - DON'T FIX IT - LIVE FREE OR DIE! SINCE WHEN IS THE REPUBLICAN PARTY "FOR" MORE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT? NIC CALABRO, HOLLIS, NH

Nic
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jan Collier
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Richard Estes
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James Graves
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Heather Roman
Strafford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Why is the New Hampshire Legislature following the fascists of Germany in the 30s, by denying the right to vote to citizens?

Gene McManus
Durham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kerry Jay
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anthony Jackson
Hampton Beach, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Additional blocking of fundamental freedom to voting only serve in NH a fascist radical agenda. Please vote against SB289 and SB318 and any OTHERS written by out-of-state paid interests that might pop up!!

Marty Michener
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

denise patrizio
mont vernon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John H. Bradshaw
Atkinson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Meghann Louie-Heintel
Derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James Carnathan
Newmarket, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Aria eliscu
Lee, NH

Apr 9, 2012

MARK LORENZE
FRANKLIN, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Stop messing with our voting rights!!!!

Ronald Zager
Glen, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Katherine Mitchell
Contoocook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Janet Romaine
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jay Simmons
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Matthew
Hampstead, NH
Apr 9, 2012

alex
Newbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mary Buckley Raine
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Cornelis Pieterse
Wilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anne Donaldson
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ruth Norton
Winchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

patricia snyder
epsom, NH
Apr 9, 2012

scott gonzales
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James Partin
Bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

These bills are making fundamental changes to the sense of community for which NH has always been known. We are not a large metropolis. We live here because of the quality of life here. Don't change it by promoting distrust, hatred, and enmity on people who seem "different" because of their color, religion, or ethnicity. This legislation is heralded by Free Staters who are interlopers who have come to change things - not for the better, but for their own selfish agendas. Let them create their own world on a planet outside of our galaxy.

VL Towler
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

william russell
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Janice Nofle
Wilton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gayla Snowdon
Westmorwland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Ann Wilkins
Silver Lake, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Stacy Sand
Intervale, NH
Apr 9, 2012

ravenel bert bennett
Shelburne, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joyce Martone
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I also urge my representative, Robert Moore, of Westmoreland, to vote against these measures that serve to disadvantage groups of our citizens. We have more to fear from the programming of voter machines than we have to fear of individuals seeking to vote.

Caroll Lothrop
Surry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Benjamin Grant
North Walpole, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Rick Bickerstaff
Newton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jim Mastro
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

peter fleming
manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Cynthia Thompson
Rollinsford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

wendy melillo
derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Cynthia
Hooksett, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christina Liberatore
Barrington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

STOP THE VOTER SUPPRESSION NONSENSE! We haven't had an issue with voter fraud in our entire history! Get to work on useful issues!

Armand L Circharo Jr
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Bob Constantine
Wakefield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paula Sylvestre-Gaudet
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

William Vaillancourt
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Please address real, not imaginary, problems instead of creating them for the most vulnerable citizens.

Faye Grearson
Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jayson VanBeusichem
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Schieb-Gibbons
Rindge, NH
Apr 9, 2012

jerry
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Raymond MacStay
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Duquet
Jackson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

We do not, in my opinion, need to further complicate the right to vote by adding photo ID to the requirements.

Joan Alayne Stevens
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Roderick Forsman
Intervale, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kevin Rhoads
Lyme, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anne Lentz
Windham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Colleen Fyfe
Pelham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christine Barry
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Bruce Burdett
Sunapee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christine Clisura
Meriden, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eileen Elliott
Hancock, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Peter Nealley
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robert Ray
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jonathan R. Moulton
Wentworth, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Mark Reynolds
Antrim, NH
Apr 9, 2012

William S. Trought, MD
Rumney, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Katherine McLaughlin
Westmoreland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

As a senior who doesn't drive, I don't have a photo ID. I've lived in my town for more than 40 years and am known by all, but this bill would require me to obtain a photo ID--get a life and leave the system alone. You should be encouraging voting not discouraging it.

PATRICK PINKSON-BURKE
Cornish, NH
Apr 9, 2012

tammy
Londonderry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lily Foss
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Chris Hatala
warner, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Emilia
Litchfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dick LaBonte
SOMERSWORTH, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Teri Weidner Dahlen
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anne Bialobrzeski
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Gerry Boucher
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

USA becoming more and more like the USSR every single day!

Allen Barbi
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Amber Thompson
Stark, NH
Apr 9, 2012

George Chait
Sunapee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patrick Crim
Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Unless the state will pay for FREE IDs and transportation for people to go get them, they CANNOT be required for voting.

Christine Hounsell
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

P Lauriat
Temple, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Dennis MacDonald
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Joseph Walent
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Alexis Ploss
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nancy McComish
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kevin Lyness
Swanzy Ctr, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Richard Sanders
Sharon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Tom Vachon
South Tamworth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Casey Bartlett
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kelly Derrico
Hillsboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Maura Adams
Penacook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Anthoni
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Trow
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Peter C. R. Smith
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nicole Ruane
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

william shaheen
Madbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Henry Sammis
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

What the heck is going on in our state???? Bunch of losers in there.

Wendy Cramer
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jennifer Benn
Stratham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

don foster
Rochester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jacqueline Ravaris
WEST LEBANON, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Don't let democracy take a huge backward step! We all know this is due to far right fanatics. Voter fraud is so very minimal there's absolutely zero need for these measures that marginalize our minorities and elderly!

Elizabeth Barbi
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

rachel s. eichenbaum
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Amanda Plagge
Enfield, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Douglas B. Neely
Hampton Beach, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Robin Lunn
Milford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

margaret gilmour
hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Covert
Contoocook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Richard Myers
Bradford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul G. Gorman
New London, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Deborah Whitaker
Barrington, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Suzanne Poirier
Bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Nancy Manoogian
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Wessels
Rindge, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Roger Bruneau
Goffstown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Olivia Zink
Penacook, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Terri Donovan
Gilmanton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Keri Wolfe
Lebanon, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patricia Garth
GOFFSTOWN, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christina Perri
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This is a solution looking for a problem. There is little or no voter fraud in NH.

Shirl Garhart
Peterborough, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Alphonse & Carolyn Plante

Carolyn Plante
Ashland, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kirsten Bergethon
Hampton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Shane Theriault
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kenneth Tibert
Newbury, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Linda J Baker
Keene, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lillian Meyer
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Protect our individual right to vote. It is one of the last remaining bastions of democracy in a political process awash with money.

Darron Laughland
Conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

William Hodge
Hudson, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Evan Girard
Exeter, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Barbara Hilton
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

PLEASE ADD MY NAME TO THE LIST OF THOSE WHO VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE TO THIS
DRACONIAN RIGHT WING TEA PARTY LEGISLATION!!!

Charles Spanos
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Stanley Fistick
Littleton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Lew Henry
Gilmanton Iron Works, NH
Apr 9, 2012

I do not support the proposed changes to voting/registration.

Harry Brinser
Nottingham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

carmelita moe
andover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

In all these years voters were not required to show identification of any kind. Nor have I heard of any evidence to suggest that voter fraud is a problem, big or small, here in NH. Please do NOT support SB289. As for SB 316, why spend our money making work? Do NOT vote for this bill either.

Barbara Warren
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

NH is unique in it's grass roots community activism and volunteerism. It would be against the grain of these core citizen strengths to put additional barriers along the route to voting. Please do not support a climate of exclusion, especially where voting is concerned.

Karen Schacht
Center Barnstead, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Pauline Boggis
Milford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

PLease STOP SB 289 and 318 Thank you - Vic Reno

Victor Reno
Marlow, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Michele Arista
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Betsey Neslin
Hanover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Bill Brickley
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Sharon Mylott
Charlestown, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Arawn Hewitt
Conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eric Andrews
North Conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

schuster deutsch
Pinardville, NH
Apr 9, 2012

your extremist attempt to disenfranchise voters who are being systematically defrauded by your tax and labor policies is worthy of mississippi in the early 20th century. what is next? poll tax? dont try a literacy test or a test on the bill of rights. your voters could not pass it save their lives

peter rosenbluth
Meredith, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Kathy wheeler
Wolfeboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mary Elizabeth Hansen
Hanover, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Dominic A. Libby
Milton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Mary Wilke
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

It is hard enough getting people to participate in governing our country. We do not need to create more barriers in NH! Please vote against these unnecessary bills.

Juliette {aqiom
Stratham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Susan Vaillancourt
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This sounds more of Rush Limbaugh's paranoia.

Jonathan Purick
Goshen, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Laurel Dunn
manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Judith Kenly
Epping, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Seth Austen
Wolfboro, NH
Apr 9, 2012

jon t bailey
concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

John Jordan
Hancock, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Pam Doughty
Windsor, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Joseph Keenan
LANCASTER, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jacob O'Neil
Bradford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Raymond Fournier
Concord, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Voting is such an important Right we have and it will limit our seniors, especially, if they can only vote with a photo ID. I do not support SB 289.

LS Elisabeth Swiriduk
Tamworth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Jan Dunn
Stratham, NH
Apr 9, 2012

We don't need any legislation that will make it more difficult for the citizens of NH to vote

Gordon Amidon
Antrim, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eliot Johnston
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

eddie difruscia
derry, NH
Apr 9, 2012

David Tauber
Center Conway, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Deborah Bodeau
Nashua, NH
Apr 9, 2012

James Maddalena
Peterborough, NH

Apr 9, 2012

Christina Foss
Strafford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Patrick Sullivan
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

William E Merrow
Deering, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Don Smith
Piermont, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Imposing voter restrictions is not the way to encourage more voter participation. It is a way to dampen voter turnout, especially when we know that NH does not have a voter fraud problem.

Ray Iannuzzelli
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

paul Daniello
Swanzey, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Christopher Melton
Amherst, NH
Apr 9, 2012

In areas where there is a problem, photo ids can be requested then. Sometimes I have to show photo id if the people do not know me, like when I first moved here or proof of address by utility bill.

Linda Laa France
Littleton, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eric Arn
Milford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Debra Kendall
Merrimack, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Paul DuBois
Newport, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Janice Kelble
Franklin, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Elizabeth Reilly
Dover, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Raye Ellen Douville
Bedford, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Alyssa Donnelly
Plymouth, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Eleanor Mackenzie
Lee, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Marie Metoyer
Manchester, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Steven Bienefeld
Hooksett, NH
Apr 9, 2012

This bill was written by ALEC. It does not meet any need and does not serve the interests of New Hampshire voters.

Joseph Bagshaw
CENTER CONWAY, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Every citizen deserves the right to vote and restrictions only clears the path to stifling democracy.

Arden A. Post
Hollis, NH
Apr 9, 2012

Pody Hansbrough
Mont Vernon, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Kathryn Stewart
Eaton, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Erik Corbett
Glen, NH
Apr 8, 2012

John Wiley
Seabrook, NH
Apr 8, 2012

We do not have a voting fraud problem in NH. This is just a roadblock to rightful votes.

Maureen Westrick
Intervale, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Keisha Luce
Franconia, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Nancy Beiter
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Elizabeth Harding
Jackson, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Allen Straub
Mont Vernon, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Michael Kline
North Conway, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Carolyn Garretson
Jaffrey, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Lynda Burnside
Dunbarton, NH
Apr 8, 2012

As you consider this, it's important to remember that NH has no history of voter fraud problems, and that the voter ID bills put forward this year come straight from the American Legislative Exchange Council, or ALEC. ALEC is a group of 300 corporations that write model legislation and hand it off to their stooges in the legislatures of all 50 states. This is government of the corporations, by the corporations, and for the corporations. That ought to be reason enough to oppose it.

Susan Bruce
Intervale, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Nick Graver
Hanover, NH
Apr 8, 2012

for all practical purposes voter fraud in this country does not exist

john dinella
Rochester, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Terri Mertz
Piermont, NH
Apr 8, 2012

randall kezar
Kingston, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Our current laws good enough to protect from fraud.

Stuart V. Smith Jr.
Lyme, NH
Apr 8, 2012

The continued attempts on the part of the Republican Party to curtail or eliminate our rights as citizens of New Hampshire requires that we do all in our power to eliminate them and their cronies from office, permanently.

A. George Mertz
Piermont, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Dudley Dudley
Durham, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Genie Dean
Manchester, NH
Apr 8, 2012

james allmendinger
strafford, NH
Apr 8, 2012

The right to vote is a fundamental constitutional right that must not be made difficult for certain segments of the population. Voting should be made easier, not harder.

Kay Oppenheimer
Strafford, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Marcia Moody
Newmarket, NH
Apr 8, 2012

These bills are only meant to suppress numbers. Voter fraud is a myth in paranoid minds. ALEC wrote these bills. ESCHEW ALEC.

Caroline French
Dover, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Francis DeFeo
Ctr. Conway, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Kate Miller
Meredith, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Dan Pike
Rollinsford, NH
Apr 8, 2012

Jack Lagasse
Strafford, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Jillian Andrews Dubois
Hudson, NH
Apr 7, 2012

this law is unnecessary as historically there has been little or no voter fraud - this is just to make it more difficult for elders and disabled to vote.

sharon Omand
Strafford, NH
Apr 7, 2012

I voted for one rep for each town and now I'll have to vote on two reps in a floterial district. This is not what the voters were promised when we voted.

Regina Flynn
Strafford, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Do not add to the litany of ridiculous bills that have recently been introduced!

Tracy McCarthy
Center Conway, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Carol Perry
Strafford, NH
Apr 7, 2012

N.H. has never had a problem with voter fraud. The proposed changes are bad solutions to a non-existent problem. The citizens of NH should be able to choose their government, not the government choosing its voters.

Ed Allard
Laconia, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Paul Mayer
Bartlett, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Can't the Republicans who want to change America from the home of the free and the brave just leave us alone? They want into our bedrooms, they want to destroy our schools, they want to take away our health care, and now they want to make it more difficult for us to exercise our right to vote. If you don't like America and the freedoms and ideals that our fellow Americans have fought for throughout our history -- well, just leave us alone.

Jim Splaine
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Deidre Reynolds
Nashua, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Lisa Nance
portsmouth, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Suzanne Martin

Manchester, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Mollie Straub
Mont Vernon, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Annette Sell
Nottingham, NH
Apr 7, 2012

We need more people to vote and should be encouraging voter registration.

Shirley Sauvageau
Nottingham, NH
Apr 7, 2012

DeeGee Whitney
Sunapee, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Gordon Daly
Glen, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Ellen Daly
Glen, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Ruth G Timchak
Tamworth, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Larry Drake
Portsmouth, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Stop right wing voter suppression. Respect democracy for heaven's sake.

Charles Proulx
Raymond, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Democracy works only when the greatest number of people vote!

Jeffrey Jones
Lisbon, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Nancy Belanger
Exeter, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Live free or die, and that means we ALL have the right to vote!

John D. Colbath
Center Conway, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Mark Mitchell
Barrington, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Jane Armstrong
New London, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Gail Mitchell
Barrington, NH
Apr 7, 2012

catriona Beck
Bennington, NH
Apr 7, 2012

It is our RIGHT to vote that is at stake.

Eileen Ehlers
Hooksett, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Beth Olshansky
Lee, NH
Apr 7, 2012

We need to encourage voting not build barriers to it.

Leslie Schoof
Harts Location, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Voter fraud is not an issue in this state or this country. But voter suppression appears to be a GOP priority.

Lucy Edwards
Northwood, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Please, don't let NH be corrupted by any more out of state attacks on our way of life.

Jan Schmidt
Nashua, NH
Apr 7, 2012

kate willis
conway, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Ed Butler
Hart's Location, NH
Apr 7, 2012

R. Herman
Concord, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Susan M Ford
Easton, NH
Apr 7, 2012

Further disenfranchising NH's most vulnerable citizens who may be poor, disabled, or elderly is not the nH way. Please vote ITL on SB 289 and SB 318. Thank you for your consideration.

sylvia e. gale
Nashua, NH
Apr 7, 2012



**New Hampshire
Alliance
for Retired
Americans®**

Good afternoon, my name is Ron Geoffroy. I am the Executive Vice President of the New Hampshire Alliance For Retired Americans, and I'm a resident of Auburn, New Hampshire.

The New Hampshire Alliance For Retired Americans is a nonprofit grassroots voice speaking up for the civil rights of over 13,000 New Hampshire retirees and seniors. I would like to speak in favor of HB 287.

I'd like to thank the sponsors of this bill. By submitting this bill you've begun the process of righting a terrible wrong when it comes to voting by New Hampshire's seniors. Voter ID, a requirement that has created an imposing burden on seniors during a time where they continue to be concerned about various aspects of their lives, from what will happen to Social Security and Medicare, to the status of their ability to survive from month to month.

The law enacted prior to last November's election, required voters to present photo identification or sign an affidavit before casting a ballot. This particularly imposed an undue hardship on our seniors in New Hampshire. Seniors are more likely to vote than any other demographic. Establishing this requirement for seniors to obtain and ID in order to go to the polls and vote, provides additional burden to what seniors and all Americans understand is a constitutional right. Our seniors should be considered a

valuable resource to our society and should be treated as such as opposed to creating obstacles during a time in their lives where life should be simple.

The law as it stands requires a senior who has given up their ID because of their inability to drive, would have to find someone to take them to a Division of the Motor Vehicles and purchase a voter ID for \$10, just to be able to vote. Once the ID is obtained, because they don't drive, they're again required to find someone to take them to the polls. The requirement of presenting an ID at the polls has created delays in the voting process as we saw in the 2012 election. This in it of itself presents a whole new concern for the elderly. Many seniors because of physical limitations, have difficulty standing for any extended length of time. All these restrictions are creating a major concern for our seniors that the voting process is becoming cumbersome. We should be making it easier for our seniors to vote as opposed to harder. We believe that repealing voter ID will be beneficial in reversing these additional burdens on our elderly.

Let's not misunderstand the intentions that are behind the creation of Voter ID. The proponents have admittedly and falsely suggested that voter fraud was rampant in our election system. However, never has there been any evidence found that to be the case by the Attorney Generals office, and certainly not from the seniors who are the most consistent demographic for voting. The Constitution states, "to promote the General Welfare." The voter ID law does nothing in promoting the General Welfare. Just the opposite it creates a deterrent to a voting block of individuals, our seniors, from expressing their Constitutional right. Our mothers, fathers, and relatives at the elderly stage in their lives should be more concerned with enjoying the retirement years as

opposed to dealing with how the next piece of legislation is going to impact their rights as citizens.

On behalf of the seniors in New Hampshire, I'm here today to ask you to vote Ought to Pass on HB 287 and repeal Voter ID. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before this committee.

Ron Geoffroy Sr.

Executive Vice President

NH Alliance for Retired Americans



**Testimony on HB 287: Attempting to Repeal Voter ID,
House Election Law Committee
January 30th, 2013**

My name is Caitlin Rollo and I am the political director of Granite State Progress, a multi-issue advocacy organization working on issues of immediate state and local concern.

I am here to testify in favor of HB 287, a bill repealing New Hampshire's Voter ID law, a measure that's only intent is to restrict a voter's access to the ballot. Proponents of this legislation last session claimed that it was to help reduce the instances of voter fraud.

According to our research, from 2000-2012 – not including the most recent election – there were:

A total of 5,802,855 ballots cast,

17 potential cases of voter fraud investigated,

And, from 2000-2006 only 2 confirmed cases of voter fraud.

Meaning, that New Hampshire has the massive statewide fraud of .00003% - with ZERO cases since 2006.

What the real fraud is that this measure has its origins a model bill from the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). ALEC allows corporations to draft legislation that is then submitted in State Houses all across our country. I have for the committee a copy of that model legislation.

Thank you for allowing me to testify today and I again urge you to pass HB 287, returning greater access to the ballot.

Submitted by Caitlin Rollo 2-5-2013

ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda—underwritten by global corporations—includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

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VOTER ID ACT

SUMMARY

This legislation requires any United States citizen⁽¹⁾ desiring to vote in a state to provide proof of identity at the polls, outlines permissible provisional ballots, and optionally⁽²⁾ provides for a free ID to those who do not have a driver's license.

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

(a) "Proof of identity" means a document or identification card that:

- (1) Shows the name of the person to whom the document was issued;
- (2) Shows a photograph of the person to whom the document was issued;
- (3) Contains an expiration date, and is not expired.
- (4) Is issued by the United States or the State of Arkansas.

From CMD: "expiration" of a license to drive should not invalidate your right to vote or nullify it as proof of your identity.

SECTION 2. IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT TO VOTE.

(b) Any person desiring to vote in this state shall present proof of identity to the election official when appearing to vote in person either early or at the polls on Election Day.

(c)(1) If the voter is listed on the precinct voter registration list but fails to provide proof of identity, the election official shall:

(A) Indicate on the precinct voter registration list that the voter did not provide proof of identity; and

(B) Request that the voter execute an affidavit in the presence of the election official containing:

(i) A written eligibility affirmation stating that he or she is a registered voter in the precinct in which he or she desires to vote and is eligible to vote; and

(ii) A statement that the voter cannot provide proof of identity because the voter:

(a) Does not have proof of identity available at the time of voting;

(b) Is indigent; or

(2) If a voter executes an affidavit under subsection (c)(1)(B) of this section, the election official shall permit the voter to cast a provisional ballot.

(d) A provisional ballot cast by a voter who did not provide proof of identity shall be counted if:

(1)(A) The voter returns to the county board of election commissioners by 12:00 p.m. on the Monday following the election and provides proof of identity.

From CMD: But by then most candidates will either have declared victory or conceded, before these votes are even counted....

(B) If a voter does not return to the county board of election commissioners and provide proof of identity, the county board of election commissioners shall make a determination whether to count a provisional ballot cast by a voter who did not provide proof of identity based on the merits of each provisional ballot; and

(2) The voter has not been challenged or required to vote a provisional ballot for any other reason.

(e) An identification card shall be issued without the payment of a fee or charge to an individual who:

(1) Does not have a valid driver's license; and

(2) Will be at least eighteen (18) years of age at the next general election, special election, or municipal election.

(f) The provisions of this section concerning the presentation of proof of identity when appearing to vote shall not apply to a person who is a resident of a licensed nursing home, licensed residential care facility, licensed assisted-living facility, or any licensed facility that provides long-term medical or personal care.

SECTION 3. REPEALS. The following are repealed: _____.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This [act] takes effect _____.

[i]In its Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, ALEC also outlines suggested requirements for proof of citizenship when registering to vote.

[ii]Because numerous United States Supreme Court decisions have been interpreted to hold that government may not require citizens to pay any fee in exchange for the right to vote, bill drafters may wish to include a section that mandates the provision of publicly funded ID cards without cost to those citizens who request them.

Approved by the Public Safety and Elections Task Force on July 17, 2009.

Approved by the ALEC Board of Directors on August 27, 2009.

... and ... The Center for Media and Democracy reports on corporate spin and government propaganda. We are located in Madison, Wisconsin, and publish www.PRWatch.org, www.SourceWatch.org, and now www.ALECexposed.org. For more information contact: editor@prwatch.org or 608-260-9713.

Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary

This bill would serve to disenfranchise many low-income, minority, elderly, and student voters, many of whom do not have driver's licenses. While the bill provides for free IDs, in many states the offices that would provide IDs are not located near the communities that would have the greatest needs and/or keep irregular hours. Taking the time to get an ID would be burdensome and many individuals who might otherwise vote would not take the time or be aware of the need to get an ID in advance of the election date.

The bill allows a voter to cast a provisional ballot without an ID, but the voter must still present an ID within a week or their vote will not be counted. Section 2(d)(1)(B) gives the County Board of Election Commissioners discretion about whether to count a provisional ballot not supported by ID, opening the door to partisan wrangling with final vote counts.

Wisconsin passed a similar Voter ID bill in 2011 with the support of Governor Scott Walker. The Wisconsin bill goes further than this one by requiring that the driver's license or identification card include a person's current address (even if the ID is not expired), making voting difficult for students or low-income individuals who move during the year but have proof of residence through utility bills for example.




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From: Pam Smarling, Committee Researcher
House Committee Research 

Date: February 4, 2013

RE: HB 287, eliminating voter identification requirements.
HB 595, relative to photo identification of voters.

Differences between the two bills and effect on current law.

SB 289 (2012); Voter Identification Requirements

SB 289, adopted in 2012, contained comprehensive changes to the election laws to implement a new requirement for voters in New Hampshire to show an approved form of photo identification in order to obtain a ballot at an election. To provide voters and election officials some time to learn about and understand the new requirements, the implementation of the new law was phased in. Some sections of the law took effect on June 27, 2012 and the remainder are scheduled to take effect on September 1, 2013. The primary difference between the two main phases of the implementation are that list of approved photo identification will narrow and election officials will be required to take photographs of voters without approved identification starting in September, 2013.

HB 287 (2013) repeals all of the changes adopted by SB 289 (2012) along with the technical corrections included in HB 1354 (2012). These are the voter identification requirements used on the 2012 primary and general elections and those that will take effect in September.

HB 595 (2013) repeals only the changes adopted by SB 289 (2012) that will take effect in September, 2013 and retains the current voter identification requirements.

Summary of SB 289 (2012)

Presenting Photo Identification; Phased-In Requirements

In the 2012 Primary Election, if no approved voter ID was presented, the voter was informed of the new law and permitted to vote.

In the 2012 General Election, six different forms of photo identification could be used. Some types of identification could be used even if they were expired. In addition, election officials were permitted to accept identification not on the list if they deemed them to be legitimate. Also, election officials could verify a person's identity personally.

If no approved voter identification was presented, the voter was permitted to vote after completing a challenged voter affidavit

For all elections after Sept. 1, 2013, the approved forms of identification will be different. Approved forms of identification will no longer include a student identification card or other forms of identification determined to be legitimate by an election official. Also, an election official will no longer be able to verify knowledge of a voter's identity in lieu of photo identification. Approved identification will have to include the voter's name, photograph and have an expiration date that has not been exceeded by a period of more than 5 years from the current date.

If no approved photo identification is presented, the voter will be permitted to execute a challenged voter affidavit and the moderator or the moderator's designee will take a photograph of the voter and immediately print and attach the photograph to, and thus make it a part of, the affidavit form, and both the moderator or his or her designee and the voter shall sign the affidavit. The photograph shall be deleted from the camera in the presence of the voter. If the voter objects to the photograph requirement because of religious beliefs, he or she may execute an affidavit of religious exemption in accordance with RSA 659:13-b.

Details of 2012 Voter Identification Law

The list below identifies all of the major provisions of SB 289 and includes the section number and effective date of each provision. Section numbers refer to sections of SB 289.

1. New voter identification requirements

Approved Forms of Identification for the 2012 Primary and General Elections - *section 1, effective 6/27/2012*

- (a) A driver's license issued by the state of NH or any other state (even if expired)
- (b) An identification card issued by the DMV under the provisions of RSA 260:21.
- (c) A US armed services identification card.

- (d) A US passport (even if expired)
- (e) Any other valid photo identification issued by federal, state, county, or municipal government.
- (f) A valid student identification card.
- (g) Another form of photo identification determined to be legitimate by the supervisors of the checklist, the moderator, or the town or city clerk, provided that if any person authorized to challenge a voter under RSA 659:27 objects to the use of such photo identification, the voter shall be required to execute a qualified voter affidavit as if no identification was presented.
- (h) Verification of the person's identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or the town or city clerk, provided that if any person authorized to challenge a voter under RSA 659:27 objects to such verification, the voter shall be required to execute a challenged voter affidavit.

Approved Forms of Identification for all elections after September 1, 2013 - *section 7, effective 9/1/2013*

- (a) A driver's license issued by any state or the federal government.
- (b) A nondriver's identification card issued by the motor vehicles division, department, agency, or office of any state.
- (c) A United States armed services identification card.
- (d) A United States passport.
- (e) A challenged voter affidavit and a photograph taken and printed at the polls by an election official.

2. Voter Identification Advisory Committee established - *section 2, effective 6/27/2012*

This is a permanent statutory committee to review the implementation of the new voter identification requirements and report on any necessary statutory changes. The Secretary of State, or his designee, is the chairman of the committee.

3. Notice Required - *section 2, effective 6/27/2012*

Requires a notice explaining the new voter identification provisions to be posted at least 14 days prior to each election.

4. Voter Education - *section 2, effective 6/27/2012*

Requires the Secretary of State to prepare voter education materials and take all necessary measures to educate the public on the new voter identification requirements.

5. Identification Card Voucher – *section 4, effective 6/27/2012*

Permits a person who does not have an approved form of photo identification to obtain a voucher for a voter identification card from his or her town or city clerk or the Secretary of State. The voucher may be presented at the Division of Motor Vehicles for a identification to be used for voter identification only at no cost to the voter. The Secretary of State is authorized to use the Election Fund to pay for the cost of issuing the cards.

6. Election Fund - *section 3, effective 6/27/2012*

Allows the Election Fund, which was established to fund compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2006 (HAVA), to be used to reimburse the Department of State for voter identification cards issued to people who have no photo identification and obtain one from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Decreases the required balance for the fund from 15 to 12 times the estimated annual cost for complying with HAVA.

Election Fund - *section 8, effective 9/1/2013*

Adds a provision allowing the fund to be used to provide every town and city clerk with photography equipment, supplies and a printing device to take and immediately print photographs of voters who do not have photo identification.

7. Penalties for Voter Fraud – *section 6, effective 6/27/2012*

Adds purposely or knowingly making a false statement when applying for a photo identification card for voting purposes or signing an affidavit of religious exemption and presenting false proof of identity at any election to the penalty section of the election laws. Establishes a mandatory 30 day sentence in a county correctional facility for a first offence, a 90 day sentence for a second offences and a 180 days for a third or subsequent offences for using false proof of identity or voting under the name of another person.

8. Affidavit of Religious Exemption - *sections 11-13, effective 9/1/2013*

Establishes the form for the affidavit of religious exemption to be signed by a person who objects to having his or her photo taken on religious grounds. Grants the affidavit an exemption from the state Right-to-Know Law (RSA 91-A) and adds the affidavits to the disposition and retention schedule for documents retained by the Secretary of State.

9. Posted Statutes – *section 5, effective 6/27/2012*

Adds a requirement that the statute outlining the voter identification requirements be added to the laws posted at every polling place at all elections

Posted Statutes – *section 9, effective 9/1/2013*

Adds a requirement that the statute describing the affidavit of religious exemption for having a photograph taken be added to the laws posted at every polling place at all elections.

10. Applicability – *section 14, effective 6/27/2012*

Addresses the phase-in of the new voter identification requirements. Requires ballot clerks to tally the number of voters that did not present valid photo identification at the 2012 primary election.

2012 Elections – Ballots Cast and Voters with No Approved Identification

Election	Ballots Cast			Voters with no Approved Photo ID	
	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Absentee</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Repub. Primary	107,260	4,358	111,618		
Dem. Primary	83,612	3,653	87,265		
Primary Election	190,872	8,011	198,883	12,836	6.45%
General Election	651,739	67,091	718,830	5,432	0.76%

Source: Secretary of State

If I can provide further information on this, please let me know.

Voting Sheets

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Amendments:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Richardson

Seconded by Rep. Jasper

Vote: 12-6 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE:

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kathleen M. Hoelzel, Clerk

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ELECTION LAW

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MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
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Perry, Robert J		✓
Levesque, Melanie A	ITR	✓
Gage, Ruth E		✓
Moody, Marcia G		✓
Richardson, Gary B	✓	
Connor, Evelyn M	✓	
Till, Mary L		✓
Ward, Gerald W.R.		✓
Jasper, Shawn N	✓	
Hoelzel, Kathleen M, Clerk	✓	
Comerford, Timothy P	✓	
Birdsell, Regina M	✓	
Souza, Kathleen F <i>Rep. Rideout</i>	✓	
Gray, James P	✓	
Marston, Dick	✓	
Sweeney, Joe	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

March 6, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on ELECTION LAW to which was referred HB287-FN,

AN ACT eliminating voter identification requirements.

Having considered the same, report the same with the

following Resolution: **RESOLVED**, That it is

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Gary B Richardson

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	ELECTION LAW
Bill Number:	HB287-FN
Title:	eliminating voter identification requirements.
Date:	March 6, 2013
Consent Calendar:	NO
Recommendation:	INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Vote 12-6.

Rep. Gary B Richardson
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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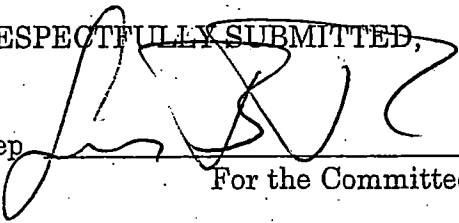
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Rep. 
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