



The Legislature  
State of Texas

February 27, 2007

The Honorable David Dewhurst  
Lt. Governor of Texas  
P.O. Box 12068  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Governor Dewhurst:

We, the undersigned, will vote no on the motion to suspend the regular order of business to take up and consider any legislation which includes so-called "voter I.D." requirements, forcing voters to present additional forms of picture identification before being allowed to cast a ballot. We will also seek commitments from authors of other legislation into which the caption of the bill might allow for such an amendment after suspension.

Such measures would require onerous requirements that a voter present multiple forms of identification or a photo I.D. before being allowed to cast his or her ballot, even if the voter presents a valid voter registration card. Supporters of the bill claim the legislation will prevent voter fraud, but legal experts have yet to prove such reckless claims. Meanwhile, studies show that such requirements reduce voter participation.

The right to vote remains one of our most fundamental rights, and the Texas Legislature should not impose this hardship on those Texans, most of them poor or elderly, who do not possess photo identification.

Respectfully,

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