

Rhode Island Hearing: H 6099



Supporting Testimony by Dominic Rapini – April 12, 2021

Thank you to Representative Pat Morgan, Chairman, Ranking Members and Members of the House State Government & Elections Commission and the Legislators of Rhode Island for the privilege of sharing my thoughts on Election Integrity.

My name is Dominic Rapini, Board Chair of Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. We are a non-profit, non-partisan organization that investigates election issues in Connecticut and we apply our learnings in proposals to lawmakers with ideas on best practices and potential legislative solutions to improve trust in the election process. Our website is www.fightvoterfraud.org where citizens can anonymously report election concerns and fraud online or through our smart phone App. This year alone we uncovered duplicate voters, underaged voters and even felons voting from prison in 2020 and we are just getting started.

I strongly support bill 6099 as it includes elements that keeps voting in Rhode Island secure with common sense measures such as requiring photo ID and new proposals for drivers licenses that protects the members of our undocumented immigrant community.

In Connecticut, Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. is becoming increasingly aware of a problem that afflicts our brothers and sisters living in Connecticut without US citizenship. Immigrants are voting in undetermined numbers after being registered to vote through voting drives, automatic DMV registrations or through thoughtless political operatives. Immigrants can apply for **Drive Only** licenses which do not communicate citizenship status.

We have been introduced to undocumented citizens that have been registered to vote and who have voted in multiple elections. Not understanding the gravity of their mistake. The only way they discover their error is when they apply for US citizenship and their voting history shows up and invalidates their application. **In other words, they ruin their chance to become lawful, US citizens.**

Bill 6099 presents an amazing solution to this problem by adding the barcoded label FN (Foreign National) to the license easily alerting election officials that the applicant is not eligible to vote. We believe this elegant solution will preserve the path to citizenship for hundreds, if not thousands, of immigrants and their families aspiring to achieve the American Dream.

Nationwide the support for photo ID is overwhelming for voting in person and even with the inclusion of photo ID with absentee ballots. The April 6th [Rasmussen poll](#) of 1,000 likely voters determined that 75% of respondents are in favor of Photo ID for voting.

Nineteen states use photo ID to verify voters on election day. This is a common sense practice that instills trust in the election process. When voters trust in their elections, they turn out to vote knowing their vote will count. As Rhode Island considers the innovation of labeling Drivers Licenses with the Foreign National (FN) barcode your state can achieve the compassionate goal of ensuring that undocumented immigrants preserve their path to citizenships and join us in enjoying the American Dream. **Bill H 6099 is a Win, Win for ALL citizens of Rhode Island.**

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Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. is a non-profit 501c(4), non-partisan organization dedicated to fighting for Election Integrity in Connecticut. Using analytical tools, investigative strategies, grassroots activism and, litigation, to strengthen our election systems and to root out voter fraud wherever it is uncovered. We believe in “One vote for one legal voter”©. To learn more about our organization please visit www.fightvoterfraud.org to report voter fraud, volunteer, get updates and to donate to our mission.

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