

Talking Points: *I Oppose Voter ID*

1. **Voting is a constitutional right.** It is fundamental to our democracy.
2. **Minnesota's election system is one of the best in the nation.** Our system has multiple safeguards (see handout from Secretary of State's office). It is accurate, accessible and transparent. Our election system has been tested for honesty and accuracy in statewide recounts in 2008 and 2010.
3. **There is no evidence of voter impersonation in any Minnesota election, and voter impersonation is the only thing a voter photo-ID can prevent.**
4. **Approximately 11% of the population does not have a current government-issued photo ID** bearing their current address. In certain groups, an even greater number of people are without a valid ID. This includes the elderly, disabled, younger adults, minorities and people who are low-income.
5. If a voter photo-ID law passed, the State of Minnesota would be required to make available free voter photo-IDs to those who do not have a driver's license or state identification card. Still, **some people would face barriers in obtaining a voter photo-ID.** These barriers would include
 - accessibility and cost of underlying documents (birth certificate and marriage license)
 - available transportation
 - obtaining time off work to go to the Department of Vehicle Services.
6. **Some people may not be able to get a voter photo-ID because of these barriers and would not be able to exercise their right to vote.**
7. **I Oppose Voter photo-ID.**

