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To Judge Eric L. Lipman:

I have served many years as a lead Election Judge for the City of Minnetonka, and would like to comment on the proposed new documents for new voter registration identification.

Every year, young people who have recently moved into the precinct do not have the current approved documentation. I have been offered driver's licenses from other states, rent statements, mortgage statements and residential leases. I believe all of these are strong evidence of identification and residence and should be accepted for election day new voter registrations.

I do not think credit card and banking statements are very strong as proof of address. With much financial activity being done online, the address on the statement could be anywhere. Personally, my credit card and bank statements are only sent online, not by mail. I have not seen any cases where these documents were brought for registration. I do not think these would be among the first documents to change by a new resident. I do not support these as proof of address.

High School students registering to vote on Election Day are rare. Those that do register at the polls always arrive with a proud parent who vouches for them. If their secondary school ID was accepted as proof of identity, they would still require a document to prove address. I think it's unlikely they would have one, as they typically are still living as dependents. Also I think a wide variety of secondary school ID formats would be confusing to Election Judges. With so many private school and open enrollment options, it would not just be one or two local school IDs being offered. For these reasons I do not support Secondary School ID as identity proof.

The biggest problem for new residents registering to vote is when they consider their new home temporary. Many young people move back in with parents, or move in with friends while looking for work. They do not update their driver's licenses and have no proof of address documents since they do not own or rent their home. Vouching is the only way I know to handle these cases. The proposed documents don't help these people any more than the current ones. Please note that I strongly support the continuation of election day vouching.

Best Regards,

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