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To: House Election Law Committee chair and members

From: Liz Tentarelli, president, League of Women Voters NH

Re: **HB684 eliminating some voter IDs**

On behalf of the League of Women Voters NH, a non-partisan organization dedicated to empowering voters, I urge you to recommend **Inexpedient To Legislate on HB 684**. This bill gets rid of an ID that virtually every new young voter is used to carrying (student IDs), even students who have not yet been able to afford drivers ed and a drivers license.

HB684 also gets rid of the expiration exemption for older voters. For voters over 75 who no longer drive or travel, thus no longer keep their driver's license current, this bill creates an unreasonable burden.

It is possible to get a non-driver ID card. But that includes a trip to the DMV to apply—hard to do if you don't drive. **According to the DMV, it may take two months for the applicant to receive the new ID. The cost is \$10.**

None of this is necessary. Since the NH Legislature passed the voter ID bill in 2012, student IDs and an expired ID have been acceptable proof for voting purposes. For anyone the expiration time frame has been 5 years. For the elderly, there has been no time frame limit, recognizing that those past the driving/travel age don't reapply for driver licenses.

I ask this committee to look at the very few cases of voter fraud prosecuted in NH. None of them involve fraudulent IDs. This bill is looking for a problem to solve where none exists.

Please recommend **Inexpedient To Legislate on HB 684**.

Citation: Jan. 15, 2024 Concord Monitor article, written by Mark Howard, NH Business Review
“[in 2017] the state launched the Election Law Unit within the Attorney General's Office. The Unit investigates a host of election-related complaints including campaign finance, election official misconduct, illegal campaign activity and voter fraud. It has won about 15 voter fraud convictions since 2016, said Attorney General spokesman Michael Garrity.”
The article goes on to highlight the odd circumstances of some cases; none of them involve using faked student IDs or old people with expired IDs.