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Friends,

I wanted to send you this e-mail to provide some important information about the upcoming election in November.

As you know, in 2011 the Texas Legislature passed legislation aimed at protecting the integrity of our electoral process by requiring registered voters to present a form of photo identification to vote. While opponents of the "Voter ID" bill unsuccessfully challenged its validity in court, this common-sense Texas measure is effectively the law of the land.

Therefore, under current law, a registered voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification when he or she goes to vote:

- Texas driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS);
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS;
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS;
- United States military identification card containing the individual's photograph;
- United States citizenship certificate containing the individual's photograph;
- United States passport.

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented at a polling place, and the photo ID requirement is only for voters casting a ballot in person. Registered voters age 65 and older and those with a disability may [vote by mail](#) in any election.

[Election Identification Certificates](#) (EIC) are available from DPS at no fee for eligible voters with no other approved forms of ID. Applicants may apply for an EIC at all DPS offices during regular business hours Monday – Friday, and DPS is now offering Saturday hours from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at select offices, [including offices in both Plano and McKinney](#), through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. No other transactions will be available during Saturday business hours.

With the upcoming November 5<sup>th</sup> election fast approaching, I encourage you to [contact my office](#) with any questions or concerns you may have about this new law. We stand ready to serve and look forward to hearing from you soon.

For Texas,



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