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Speaker Rusty Bowers
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Honorable Speaker Rusty Bowers and President Karen Fann,

The undersigned organizations respectfully request your support for SCR1012 and its mirror in the House, HCR2025. These referrals are the Arizonans for Voter ID Act ballot initiative creating universal voter ID requirements ensuring that no matter when, where, or how you vote, identification is required.

Over the past several months, hundreds of volunteers from all around the state have been collecting thousands of signatures to place this critical, common-sense initiative on the ballot. HCR2025 and SCR1012 allow the legislature to have a say in the process, ensuring that voters have the opportunity to approve the measure this November.

The provisions of the initiative are overwhelmingly popular. Statewide polling conducted last year found that 82% of likely Arizona voters agree that all voters should be required to present photo ID prior to voting. This includes majorities of Republicans, Independents, and Democrats as well as a majority of every race and ethnicity. This polling matches with numerous national polls. In fact, Honest Elections Project has been polling the same question over the past year and a half. Despite constant narratives in the media and from politicians, support for voter ID has actually increased among every demographic.

The provisions of the initiative are simple:

1. For voters who choose to vote by mail, in addition to signing the ballot affidavit, the voter would write their date of birth and either the last four digits of their social security number or their driver license or nonoperating identification number. The affidavit is required to be concealed to ensure private information is secure.
2. For voters who choose to vote in-person, a valid and unexpired photo ID would be required. Current statute allows for the use of a simple document containing the name and address of the voter, such as a utility bill. Under the initiative, all voters would show a valid photo ID and if the address does not match that which is in the voter's registration file, then the voter may supplement the photo ID with an additional document containing the voter's name and address.
3. For voters who attest they need an ID for the purposes of voting, the fee for obtaining a nonoperating identification card is waived. In addition to using this ID for voting, these individuals who potentially could not obtain an ID prior to this would now have an ID for all other daily functions for which ID is necessary or convenient.

In addition to the substantial support from Arizona voters, the initiative has a very large and growing coalition of support from local and national organizations. This is because the initiative measure is common-sense election reform, provides the voters the opportunity to decide at the next election, and ensures that in Arizona it is easy to vote and hard to cheat.

We appreciate leadership's consideration and request that this measure be made a top priority of the caucus.

Respectfully,

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