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To Judge Eric L. Lipman:

I write in favor of expanding the lists of documents allowed for identification of voters registering at the polls.

Specifically, I urge that a driver's license issued by any state be acceptable to prove identity. In my experience as an election judge, I recall twice turning away prospective voters because they offered another state's driver's license as proof of their identity. They were dumbfounded, not to mention angry.

Surely no reasonable person supposes that one's identity is changed by crossing a state line!

Also, I urge that additional documents, including rent, mortgage and lease statements -- provided they extend beyond the time of the election -- be accepted as proof of residency. As an election judge concentrating on Election Day registrations, I have had to say more times than I can count, "I do believe you live at the address you say, but the rules do not allow me to use this paper as proof." Again, these prospective voters are both dumbfounded and angered.

The limited number of acceptable documents appears to me and to them as unreasonable.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your rulings on the proposed election rule changes.

Sincerely, Mary W. Gover