



Senate Democrats

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Weekly Democratic Radio Address: Photo ID for Voting Law Reminder

MADISON – Today, Senator LaTonya Johnson (D-Milwaukee) offered the following weekly Democratic radio address reminding Wisconsinites about the photo ID requirements for voting.

The audio file can be found here:

<http://media2.legis.wisconsin.gov/multimedia/Sen16/johnsonradio100318.mp3>

A written transcript of the address is as follows:

“Hello. I’m State Senator LaTonya Johnson.

“Each and every eligible voter has a right to vote for the candidate of their choice. Unfortunately, due to policies supported by Governor Walker and passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature, our communities have had their right to vote suppressed.

“While blocked by the courts for several years, the law requiring a photo ID for voting was in effect for the 2016 presidential election. A study done after the election showed that as many as 23,000 individuals were deterred from voting because of the law.

“Wisconsin Democrats believe that our state should be increasing voter engagement and accessibility. In the meantime, however, it is up to all of us to ensure that we are engaged and aware of the voting rules in Wisconsin so that all eligible voters are able to take part in our democracy.

*“First, it is important to note that there is **not** a separate 'Voter ID' card. There are several forms of photo IDs that can be used for voting. If you have a valid Wisconsin Driver License or a Wisconsin State ID card, you already have what you need for photo ID purposes. A Wisconsin Driver License can be used if it is unexpired or expired after November 8, 2016. Your Wisconsin Driver License **DOES NOT** have to have your current address on it in order for it to be used for the photo ID requirement. A State ID card, Military ID, U.S. passport or card, and other documents are acceptable photo IDs also. For a full list of acceptable photo IDs, go to BringItWisconsin.com.”*

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