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Rep. Jessie Rodriguez Votes for Common Sense Constitutional Amendment

MADISON – State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R-Oak Creek) released this statement following Assembly Floor Session today.

"Today the Assembly passed Senate Joint Resolution 2 for second consideration to enshrine Voter ID in the Wisconsin Constitution. Ensuring that everyone's ballot is counted is central to the integrity of any election," spoke Rep. Rodriguez.

A 2024 poll by the Pew Research Center found that 81% of Americans support Voter ID requirements. A 2024 Gallup Poll found that 80% of people of color support "requiring all voters to provide photo identification at their voting place in order to vote." Since the photo ID requirement became law in 2011, voter participation has increased by 6 percent since the 2012 election. The Washington Post reports Wisconsin's 2024 voter participation was the highest in the nation at 76.2%.

"I support this resolution as we are giving voters the ability to voice their opinion on this important issue at the ballot box. Enshrining this in the Constitution is about security of the election system. Voters want certainty and transparency in our elections and confidence in the electoral system and this amendment helps ensure confidence in our elections," concluded Rep. Rodriguez.

Senate Joint Resolution 2 (<u>SJR 2</u>) passed in the State Senate last week. After the Assembly concurred today, the referendum question is positioned to go before voters on the April General Election ballot.

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