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REP. ROB KREIBICH COLUMN: REPRESENTATIVE ROB KREIBICH VOTES IN FAVOR OF VOTER PHOTO ID

MADISON.... "A republic, if you can keep it," was the response of Benjamin Franklin to a woman inquiring about what kind of government had been agreed upon for our new budding country after the Constitutional Convention in 1787. I, along with Wisconsin Republicans, am still fighting today to keep that republic by protecting your vote and making sure it counts.

Over the past week, Republicans in both houses of the Wisconsin State Legislature passed common sense legislation that will give you, the voter, the ability to permanently protect your precious vote by enshrining a photo ID requirement, in our state constitution.

Senate Joint Resolution 2 will put a constitutional amendment question on the ballot for this April 1 election. The question asks: "Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?" For clarification, photo ID is already required by Wisconsin State Statute. But a 'yes' vote would amend the Wisconsin Constitution to include this requirement, which will further protect the integrity of the voting system from our leftist-activist WI Supreme Court.

I believe this constitutional amendment will also increase future voter turnout. According to studies, stricter voting requirements encourages people to vote. Before photo ID was signed into state statute, voter turnout in Wisconsin was 70.1% in the 2012 election. After it was signed in, voter turnout increased by 2.5% by the 2024 election. An astounding 72.6% of Wisconsin's voting-age population went to the polls in the November 2024 election.

In fact, studies show that citizens want to know that their vote is safe. A 2024 poll by the Pew Research Center found that 81% of Americans support Voter ID requirements. All democratic forms of government depend on citizens having faith in the electoral process, and in my opinion, it is necessary to verify those who come to the polls are eligible to vote in order to protect the voting system of Wisconsin and our rights as citizens. I will continue to fight hard in Madison to protect your vote and be a voice for the 28th Assembly district.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to join my mailing list, please feel free to reach out to me at (608) 237-9128 or at Rep.Kreibich@legis.wisconsin.gov.

Representative Rob Kreibich represents Wisconsin's 28th Assembly District, consisting of parts of St. Croix, Pierce and Dunn Counties.