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League of Women Voters Minnesota;  
Common Cause, a District of Columbia nonprofit corporation;  
Jewish Community Action, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation;  
Gabriel Herbers; Shannon Doty; Gretchen Nickence;  
John Harper Ritten; and Kathryn Ibur,

*Petitioners,*

vs.

Mark Ritchie, in his capacity as Secretary of State of the  
State of Minnesota, and not in his individual capacity,

*Respondent.*

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than the general good. LWV Minnesota stands upon principles and policies of legislation designed for the general good.

4. LWV Minnesota provides nonpartisan information to others with the understanding that they will use it to make their own decisions. We encourage others to register, to vote, and to communicate policy priorities to those in public office. We provide information and training on voting procedures, candidates, issues, effective lobbying, and running for office. Candidate forums are a highly visible example of our education initiatives.

5. LWV Minnesota is nonpartisan in its advocacy, though it is political in the sense that we seek to affect the outcome of legislation or policy. LWV Minnesota positions on issues are based on study and consensus by our members. When LWV Minnesota works with public officials on legislation or policies that address our concerns on an issue, it is because of their position on that issue, not because of their party affiliation.

6. LWV Minnesota has more than 1500 members in the State of Minnesota. I am informed and believe that the majority the members of the League of Women Voters Minnesota are registered voters.

7. LWV Minnesota believes that the legislatively mandated ballot question for the proposed Voter Identification and Provisional Ballot amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is misleading because it does not accurately and factually describe the proposed amendment, and because it fails to describe at all certain important substantive provisions contained in the amendment relating to provisional balloting which, if implemented, will effectively eliminate election day registration in Minnesota.

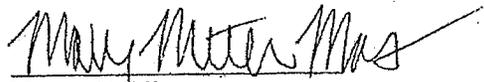
8. LWV Minnesota wishes to ensure that all voters in Minnesota are fully and truthfully informed about the contents of the proposed amendment and all of the substantive

changes it will make in Minnesota law in the ballot question so that they may intelligently choose whether to vote "yes" or "no" on the proposed amendment.

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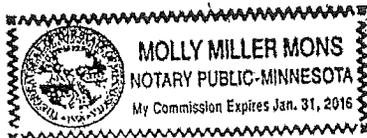


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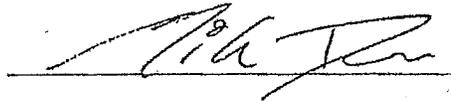


4. On information and belief, the majority of Common Cause's members in Minnesota are registered voters in the State of Minnesota.

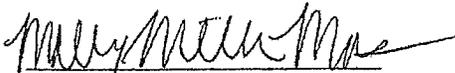
5. It is the opinion of Common Cause that the legislatively mandated ballot question for the proposed Voter Identification and Provisional Ballot amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is misleading because it does not accurately and factually describe the proposed amendment, and because it fails to describe at all certain important substantive provisions contained in the amendment relating to provisional balloting which, if implemented, will effectively eliminate election day registration in Minnesota.

6. Common Cause believes that all voters in Minnesota should be fully and truthfully informed about the contents of the proposed amendment and all of the substantive changes it will make in Minnesota law in the ballot question so that they may intelligently choose whether to vote "yes" or "no" on the proposed amendment.

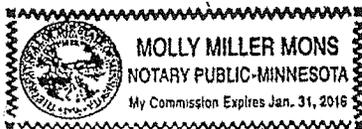
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and affiliated and unaffiliated Jews, many of whom may be disenfranchised by the proposed Voter Identification and Provisional Ballot Amendment.

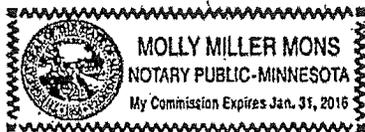
4. JCA believes that it is in the best interests of all voters in the state of Minnesota to be fully informed as to provisions of the proposed constitutional amendment, and that the proposed ballot question for the Voter Identification and Provisional Voting Amendment does not fully inform voters because it is inaccurate and incomplete and misleading.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT:

Molly Miller Mons

Ali Rosenthal

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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AFFIDAVIT OF  
GABRIEL HERBERS

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individual capacity,

Respondent.

STATE OF MINNESOTA        }  
  }ss  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON    }

Gabriel Herbers, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states:

1. My name is Gabriel Herbers.
2. I am a Catholic Nun with the Sisters of the Good Sheppard.
3. I am 92 years old.
4. I live in a senior's assisted living apartment in Oak Park Heights Minnesota.
5. I am legally blind and I have limited mobility.
6. I have devoted my lifetime to service in the public interest, including serving as a school teacher, administrator and principal; the Peace and Justice coordinator for the Province of the Sisters of the Good Sheppard; and, currently, as a peer counselor with Vision Loss Resources where I mentor and counsel six individuals who are legally blind.

7. I am registered to vote in the State of Minnesota.

8. I vote via absentee ballot because of my limited mobility.

9. I have a current State of Minnesota Identification Card; however, I am concerned that I will have a difficult time updating the address on my state identification card in the event that I am forced to move into a skilled nursing facility in the future.

10. I wish to be a voice for other women, especially women living in poverty, who do not have the courage or ability to stand up for themselves but who would be disenfranchised if the proposed voting amendment were to pass.

11. I am concerned that voters will be misled or confused by the proposed voting amendment ballot question as phrased by the legislature and that voters will not be informed or aware of, nor understand, all of the provisions that will be added to the Minnesota Constitution in the event that the proposed voting amendment passes.

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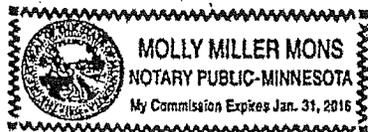
*Gabriel Herbers*

Gabriel Herbers

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me this 25 day of May, 2012

*Molly Miller Mons*  
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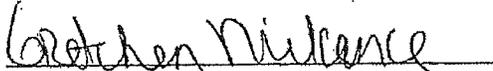




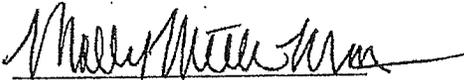
6. I am concerned that the proposed constitutional amendment requiring voter identification will adversely impact my ability to vote in future elections. I cannot tell from the proposed ballot question whether or not my tribal identification card will be considered a valid government-issued photographic identification if the amendment is approved.

7. I am also concerned that voters like me will be confused and misled by the ballot question because it only refers to "valid photographic identification" without the qualification that it be "government issued," which may incorrectly lead other voters to believe that any photographic identification card will be acceptable.

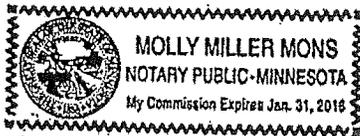
FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

  
Gretchen Nickence

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me this 24 day of May, 2012

  
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File No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Petitioners

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AFFIDAVIT OF  
JOHN HARPER RITTEN

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individual capacity,

Respondent.

STATE OF MINNESOTA        }  
  }ss  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY        }

John Harper Ritten, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states:

1. I am a Minnesota resident.
2. I am a registered voter in Minnesota.
3. I have voted in Minnesota in the past.
4. I am a student at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri and I live there

during the school year.

5. I will be out of the state, attending college, for the November 2012 general election.

6. Because I will be out of state, I will be voting absentee in the November 2012 general election.

7. It is my present intention to remain a student at Washington University until I graduate in 2014.

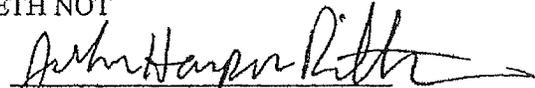
8. Therefore, I may in future elections again be required to vote absentee.

9. I possess a current Minnesota Driver's Instruction Permit that includes my photograph.

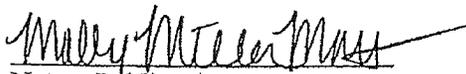
10. Although I possess a photographic identification card that will likely be sufficient under the the proposed constitutional amendment, I am concerned that the provisions of the amendment that apply to absentee ballots will adversely affect my right and ability to vote absentee while I am attending college in the future.

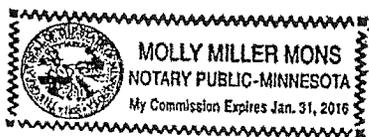
11. I am also concerned that individuals voting on the proposed amendment will not be fully informed by the ballot question as now written about all of the provisions of the proposed constitutional amendment before they cast their votes "yes" or "no"

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

  
John Harper Ritten

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2012

  
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File No. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
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AFFIDAVIT OF  
KATHRYN IBUR

vs.

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Respondent.

STATE OF FLORIDA            }  
  }ss  
COUNTY OF LEE            }

Kathryn Ibur, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states:

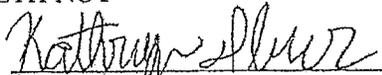
1. I am a Minnesota resident.
2. I am a registered voter in Minnesota.
3. I have voted in Minnesota in the past.
4. I am a student at Macalester College and I will be entering my Junior year.
5. It is my present intention to continue voting in Minnesota throughout my college career.
6. I possess a current student photo identification card issued by Macalester College and a current Driver's License issued to me by the State of Missouri.

7. Although I am currently able to legally vote in Minnesota, I am concerned that my current photo identification cards will not be sufficient to allow me to vote in future elections if the proposed Voter Identification and Provisional Ballot amendment passes.

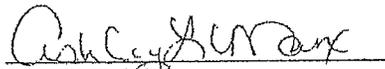
8. I am also concerned that individuals like me who possess private college photo identification cards will be misled by the ballot question by believing that the photo identification requirement need not be "government issued".

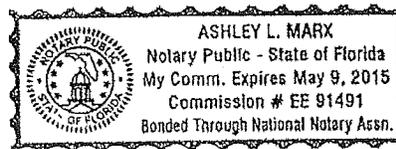
9. I am also concerned that individuals voting on the proposed amendment will not be fully informed by the ballot question as now written about all of the provisions of the proposed constitutional amendment before they cast their votes "yes" or "no"

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Kathryn Ibur

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8. Because of my deployment in Afghanistan, I will be voting absentee in the November 2012 general election.

9. It is my present intention to remain a member of the Wisconsin National Guard after my deployment ends.

10. It is likely that I will be deployed again in the future.

11. Therefore, I may in future elections again be require to vote absentee.

12. While I am deployed, I do not carry a state-issued photo identification or drivers license in my possession.

13. I am concerned that the proposed constitutional amendment will adversely affect my right and ability to vote absentee while I am deployed in the future.

14. I am unsure what type of identification will be considered "valid" for purposes of the proposed amendment if it is adopted, and the amendment fails to provide guidance as to whether my military identification card will be sufficient.

15. I am also concerned that individuals voting on the proposed amendment will not be fully informed by the ballot question as now written about all of the provisions of the proposed constitutional amendment before they cast their votes "yes" or "no".

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

*Shannon Doty*  
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Shannon Doty  
I, *Shannon R. Doty*, who personally  
produced military identification

*David J. V., OTC, Paralegal, U.S. Army*

