

Voter ID or Voter Suppression?

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Flash an ID, cast your ballot. Seems like a simple proposal from legislative Republicans in Madison. But it's more restrictive than that, says Jay Heck with Wisconsin Common Cause. Because the hurdles for to get an ID are good-sized and many forms of ID won't be accepted under current legislation. Even university-provided identification won't be acceptable. Same for passports. Heck says the proposal will disproportionately keep minorities, students and the elderly away from the polls. Which, he says, seems to be exactly the types of voters Republicans want to keep from casting a ballot.