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Good morning,

I was unable to attend this morning's meeting of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections. Please let this message serve as my public comment. I would like this to be added to the public record. Please share with the members present at the meeting and enter my comments into public record per applicable NRS regulations.

Dear Fellow American Patriots,

Thank you for inviting me to share my story about voter registration and election integrity.

I am an immigrant. When I arrived in the U.S. 22 years ago on a temporary work visa, I got a driver's license and a social security card. Being brand new to the country, of course I did not have American citizenship. Just so we're perfectly clear, NO PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO GET A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD.

After 14 years of taxation without representation, I decided to become a US citizen. Rest assured, I did NOT become a citizen for the opportunity to serve on a jury - I did it solely for the right to vote. The process of becoming a lawful permanent resident and then a naturalized citizen can be daunting, requiring several years' worth of paperwork and patience, but at no point did I feel it wasn't worth it. America is my home now and I wanted to participate in how this country is governed.

Understand that identity politics plays absolutely NO role in the naturalization process. When I stood in the courtroom and took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America, I was surrounded by people of all colors, classes, sizes, and abilities. Naturalized citizens have left behind relatives, friends, and many other things that were dear to us in order to have access to the American dream. We have done the work to become citizens, and we treasure the Certificate of Naturalization that was presented to us when we took the oath. Those certificates are sacred to us; they represent that we belong in this land of opportunity, and I'm sure that the vast majority of naturalized citizens treat those documents with the reverence they deserve and keep them secure. It should not be the slightest imposition to anyone, no matter which victim group someone wishes to pigeonhole them into, to present this document in order to vote.

When the time came to register to vote, I proudly handed a Washoe County employee my Certificate of Naturalization. He looked at me half-startled, half-annoyed and waved it away.

He refused to even look at it. "I don't need that. Just your driver's license or social security card." He then asked me to sign an affidavit swearing that I am a lawful citizen of the United States of America and am legally eligible to vote. Just an affidavit. I could have been voting illegally for 14 years - in 4 presidential elections and 3 midterms.

I called the Washoe County Registrar of Voters to ask about the process. I explained that I had been given a driver's license and social security card over a decade before becoming a citizen. I asked why the elections official never asked for proof of citizenship when I registered to vote. The response I got from the Registrar's office was a blasé "Oh yeah, we don't do that." That's right. In Washoe County, WE. DON'T. DO. THAT.

Not verifying citizenship is a huge problem since Nevada has the highest estimated population of illegal immigrants in our country. But it is only one aspect of the lack of election integrity that we face. In the 2020 presidential election in Washoe County, there were 40,000 more ballots cast than there were registered voters. Clearly, we do not have a voter suppression problem.

Please review the attached videos in which Captain Seth Keshel shares his research on voter fraud in Nevada:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-U6v-qcnFyc>

Secure and fair elections should matter to all Americans, regardless of your personal ideology. I look forward to the day when we can trust our election process. We all have work to do.

Thank you for treating this issue with the gravity and urgency it deserves.

Sincerely,

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