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- Thank you Senators for your leadership and for the opportunity to address you today.
- My name is Steve Stegner and I am a single father of 3.
- I was laid-off from my job and have been put under great financial strain.
- After losing my job I fell behind on paying for a traffic ticket. This caused me to lose my license.
- Losing my license is bad enough but I do not want to lose my right to vote.
- I went to the DMV with KanVote and tried to find out if I needed a new ID to vote.
- The Supervisor at the DMV would not let me conduct business at the DMV like everyone else. She separated me from the line along with other people who had questions about free voter ID's. She would not let me ask my question to an employee one on one and made me explain my situation in front of a group.
- I explained my situation to her and showed her that I still had my license, that it was suspended, and that the corner had been cut off by a cop who had pulled me over.
- She could not tell me whether or not it would work on election-day so I asked her about getting a free one. She told me to do so I would need a birth certificate or other proof of citizenship document.
- My parents lost my birth certificate long ago and I have no other form of proof of citizenship.
- I found out that you can get a free copy of Kansas birth certificates but that doesn't help me because I was born in Missouri.
- Under this voter ID law I will have to pay Missouri for my birth certificate so that I can get an ID to vote here in Kansas.
- The voter registration restrictions will make it to where I am not even eligible to vote if I move.
- I am going to have to pay the state of Missouri for a birth certificate before I am allowed to vote. This poll tax will take what little money I have from my children. Please consider people like me who cannot afford to vote under these new restrictions.