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In-person voting with voter ID strengthens election integrity and public trust.

Requiring identification ensures that only eligible voters cast ballots, reducing the risk of fraud—however rare it may be. It's a simple, common-sense measure: we show ID for banking, travel, or even buying alcohol, so why not for something as critical as choosing our leaders? In-person voting adds another layer of security, making it harder to impersonate voters or manipulate results compared to remote methods. Studies, like one from the National Bureau of Economic Research, suggest voter ID laws don't significantly suppress turnout among legitimate voters, despite claims to the contrary. Meanwhile, countries like Canada and Germany use ID requirements successfully, proving it's practical and fair. It's about protecting democracy, not restricting it—ensuring every legal vote counts and is counted accurately.