

people who are not currently registered to vote but perhaps do have a driver's license and that is a significant body of people. We can I think say certain things about that based on our knowledge of voter registration and the fact is that broadening jury selection means greater representation for women, greater representation for minority groups, greater representation for low income groups. Now there are significant and substantial reasons why the jury duty obligation and right should fall to these classes of people as well. First it makes for greater fairness in jury selection by offering a larger universe of people to choose from when you draw jury duty. Secondly, potentially it creates greater fairness, greater breadth of representation and, therefore, perhaps better court results as a basis of the use of people and the sitting of people on juries that heretofore have been excluded by the nature of the lists that have been drawn. Lastly, it must be remembered that jury duty has as one of its necessary *raison d'être* the idea that jury duty teaches, not only judges but teaches the juror the mechanisms of the courts and the legitimacy of lawsuits. This has been dwelt on a number of times by legal scholars that jury duty is one of those kinds of teaching devices that allows citizens to participate and share and understand the legal process and thereby creating greater cement in a society, greater legitimacy, if you will, to allow for the operation of the law, and if any groups of people need to see that the court system is fair and open, if any groups of people need to see that government is legitimately acting, it is exactly the kinds of groups that will be most effected by the Reutzell amendment. I want to dwell on one final point before closing and that is that jury duty is an obligation, as many people have talked about here. We should also perceive of it as a right not premised upon being a registered voter but as a right of citizenship. I remind you that many such rights, for example the right to appeal your taxes, to take lawsuits to courts, free speech and the like, are not premised upon being a registered voter but are premised upon being an American citizen. I think there is an obligation on the part of those of us who are responsible for the mechanics of the law to reach out to people who heretofore have been unrepresented and not members or participants in the legal process and draw them into it, not only because our results will be fairer but also because it will teach them that the legal system is a fair one, it is an open one and it is a legitimate one which can protect their interest as well. What we are doing by turning our backs on the Reutzell amendment, if that is what happens with this body, is to turn our backs on a large number of citizens who need to be shown the mechanics of law and to be persuaded that the legal system