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LD 34

To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Veterans and Legal Affairs

Regarding L.D. 34,

"An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of
Voting

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Sen. Hickman, Rep. Supica, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs
Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I'm Penny
Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine. I am also chairman
of the Belgrade GOP, though I am not speaking for them as we have not had a
meeting to discuss this bill and take a position.

I support LD 34, An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification
for the Purpose of Voting, sponsored by Senator Matt Pouliot.

We've all heard the cries of voter fraud and stolen elections coming from Democrat
Hillary Clinton and others. That issue can cause qualified voters to be
disenfranchised and not vote because if even one illegal vote is cast, it negates one
legal vote from counting. That should never happen in a free and just society and our
great State of Maine.

Voter ID can prevent and deter:

- Impersonation fraud at the polls;
- Voting under fictitious voter registrations;
- Double voting by individuals registered in more than one state or locality; and
- Voting by illegal aliens, or even legal aliens who are still not entitled to vote since
state and federal elections are restricted to U.S. citizens.

Researchers for the National Bureau of Economic Research found that between 2008
and 2016, voter ID laws had "no negative effect on registration or turnout, overall or
for any specific group defined by race, gender, age or party affiliation."

—Hans von Spakovsky and Caleb Morrison (2019)[7]

I urge this committee to vote "ought to pass" on LD 34. Thank you.