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LD 34

Good Day to Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and to the members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Linda McMahon. I am a taxpaying citizen of Harpswell-Representative District 99, Senate District 23.

I am thankful for this opportunity to express my support for LD 34 An Act to Require a Person to Show Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting.

Voting is a citizen's right. With personal rights come personal responsibilities. There should be no reluctance on any voters' part to produce a photo ID to cast their vote. This is a commonsense issue that protects the security of our elections. Voters deserve to know that their vote is valued and that the election process is safe. Photo IDs are required for less valuable purposes and people readily produce them. In addition, this legislation will eliminate impersonation, double voting, vote casting by those not eligible and those voting under fictitious registrations. It will also make the voting process smoother and straightforward for those staffing the polls. Let's eliminate the ugly suspicions that clouded recent elections.

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

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
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