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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs
Regarding L.D. 349, "An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration"

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Sen. Hickman, Rep. Supica, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I'm Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support L.D. 349, "An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration".

I have worked the polls in Belgrade. Same-day voter registration adds a state of unnecessary chaos for both the election staff and voters. Those wishing to register to vote on election day need to go to a special place having additional staff to facilitate the transaction. It sometimes leads to long lines because of the time involved making sure the voter isn't already registered, filling out the necessary paperwork, perhaps enrolling in a political party, and then getting in line to receive ballots to vote. All this, done before election day, will be advantageous to all involved.

It also alleviates one way for voters to cheat. In the past, I believe same-day registration has allowed cheaters to register in several municipalities with no way for election wardens and staff to know. It just makes sense to protect the integrity of the vote by repealing election-day voting.

I urge this committee to vote "ought to pass" on LD 349. Thank you.