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LD 53

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To: Honorable Chair, Holly B Stover, and Honorable members of the State and Local Government Committee

From: Madolyn Roy

Re: Testimony in Support of LD 53, An Act to Establish the November General Election Day as a State Holiday

My name is Madolyn and I live in South Portland.

I am writing as the daughter of two hard working parents to urge you to vote “ought to pass” on LD 53.

My father works a job that has him occupied from five in the morning to five at night, and my mother works two jobs that keep her both busy during the day and later night hours. My parents shouldn't be penalized for having to work hard, so they can provide for their family, by not being able to reach the ballot box in time for the election.

- Access. Making the November General Election a State Holiday makes it more accessible for busy Mainers

- Encourages. Passing this bill will encourage other business and states to do the same

- Campus Voting. Students at state college campuses would have more opportunity for voting and volunteering at the poles

- Falling Behind. Fourteen states have already made the General Election Day a State Holiday, Maine could become the fifteenth, becoming a leader in the wave of change rather than falling behind

Voting should be accessible to everyone who can participate, it is your job to make that happen so these people can enjoy their civic duty of voting. This could make turn out better, and more voices heard.

Respectfully submitted,
Madolyn