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LD 349

Against LD349

An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration

Dear Committee Chairs Craig Hickman Laura Supica and the honorable members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee:

I am Jeanne Marquis from China, Maine, and I am urging this esteemed committee to vote NO on LD 349. We do not need any bills that interfere with our Maine voting procedures. Voting is our precious right as a citizen and we do not want any legislation that hinders access or has the potential for manipulation or malfeasance.

This bill eliminates same-day Voter Registratration which can potentially limit access to many voters – new voters, college students who travel in to vote in their hometowns, elderly with transportation issues, hourly workers who cannot afford much time off from work. Current law permits in-person voter registration up to the close of business on election day. The bill changes the deadline to the close of business on the Thursday before election day.

We should be expanding voter accessibility, not decreasing it. If this law passed and we had a nationwide ban on absentee ballots as has been proposed federally. This bill would greatly decrease access.

I urge you to please vote NO on LD349. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Marquis
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