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LD 734

TO: The Honorable Senator Rafferty
The Honorable Representative Murphy
Members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

DATE: March 11, 2025

RE: LD 734, An Act to Promote Voter Registration for Students in Maine's
High Schools

Good morning Senator Rafferty and Representative Murphy,

My name is Emilia Toth. I'm a resident of Portland and the Youth Programs
Coordinator for the League of Women Voters Maine. I am testifying in favor of LD
734.

I interned with Maine Students Vote for the last three years, and am now taking a staff
position that will allow me to continue working with the young people of Maine. As
an nonpartisan election engagement fellow, I had conversations with and registered
multiple college students who were previously unregistered and had little knowledge
about our election systems. Some were new to the state, and others were born and
raised in Maine, with little civics education in their high schools. This bill would
allow for those green voter registration cards to leave the administrative offices and
get into the hands of capable 16 and 17 year olds, allowing them to preregister to vote
and gain vital civic knowledge that will set them up for years of routine,
knowledgeable voting and participation in our democracy.

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 734.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.