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Bangor  
LD 1149

TO:

The Honorable Craig Hickman

The Honorable Laura Supica, Co-Chairs

Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

DATE: 5/2/2025

RE: LD 1149-An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting

Dear Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs,

My name is Kelly Chenot and I live in Bangor, Maine. I am testifying in opposition of LD 1149. I oppose this bill because I believe that this is a way to make it harder for people in Maine to vote. This will make it harder for elderly, disabled Mainer's, women, veterans like myself, and our service members serving overseas to vote absentee. There is no widespread voter fraud here in Maine and this will end up costing Maine taxpayers. As a disabled woman veteran this could affect me personally and many members of my community disproportionately. Honestly it reeks like voter suppression. Not a good look for Maine. I am a proud veteran, I serve my community, volunteer with the city - we live in one of the most beautiful states in this Nation- let's not go down this dark path. I urge the committee to oppose this bill. Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify.