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LD 1149

For the past half dozen years or so, I have served as poll worker registering voters in Portland. Based on what I have learned, I offer the following comments about LD 1149.

- Policies already in place at the time of voter registration address the need for photographic proof of identity.
- Maine's overall processes for safeguarding voting are intricate enough that the notion of significant voter fraud being possible is preposterous. Multiple steps receive multiple checks by seasoned workers who often are neighbors of those who show up to vote. In other words, the voting process is done locally by people invested in their communities.
- Processes for absentee voting are at least as intricate and thorough as for in-person voting. (To me they seem even more rigorous.) So the possibility of fraud happening this way is also vanishingly small.

I respectfully urge the Committee to OPPOSE this bill. It simply is not needed and would be unhelpful overall.

Thank you for considering my observations.