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Opposition to LD 1149

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

I wish to express my strong opposition to LD 1149 An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting. I oppose this bill for a number of reasons including; 1) there is no evidence of voter fraud in Maine (therefore, this is in search of a problem that does not exist), 2) this would seriously impinge on absentee voting which would be significant burden on the elderly, disabled, and people who are traveling, and 3) it would be a poll tax if an individual had to purchase a specific form of identification above and beyond what is acceptable by municipalities.

I am a poll worker for my town of Vassalboro and there has never been an inkling of voter fraud since I have been engaged in the process. Once the Town Clerk confirms residency and identity of an eligible voter, the voter is registered and can only vote once. The goal should be to encourage and enhance voter participation, not impose barriers to it.

Again, please vote against LD 1149.

Respectfully submitted,



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