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LD 1149

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

My name is Louise Secordel, I live in Scarborough, and I am testifying in opposition of LD 1149. This legislation is a direct attack on popular laws by Maine people and a voter suppression measure.

While proponents have emphasized "common sense" ID requirements, they've neglected to mention that not all IDs would be accepted, it would remove popular and secure absentee ballot laws, and it would create a very costly and burdensome system for taxpayers—despite Maine having no significant instances of voter fraud.

Additionally, all evidence suggests that voter IDs don't prevent voter fraud, and Maine has multiple safeguards already in place to ensure strong voting rights and secure elections. Many of my senior friends and community members who depend on third-party delivery and dropboxes would be prevented from voting if this bill becomes law.

I am proud of our rural state having one of the highest voter turnout rates in the country. I urge the committee to oppose this bill.

Thank you,
Louise Secordel