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LD 1149

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

I am testifying in opposition of LD 1149. The restrictions outlined in this bill can and will harm every type of voter, with senior and rural voters experiencing the worst of the disenfranchisement. It will be costly, too--taxpayers will have to pay for a new system.

We don't need voter id's to prevent fraud. Maine has safeguards in place to prevent fraud, cyber attacks, and other kinds of foul play that would attempt to subvert our elections.

Maine has a tradition of strong voting rights. We are a leader in the nation. Our state has one of the highest voter turnout rates in the country. We rank this high because of our secure elections, same-day voter registration, no-excuse absentee ballots, and no photo ID laws required to vote.

I urge the committee to oppose this bill. Thank you.