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LD 1149

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

My name is Julie Smith, and I live in Portland. I am testifying in opposition of LD 1149. I oppose this bill because I worked at a Maine college for over 30 years and for about 13 years during that time I was responsible for distributing to students the necessary temporary housing address information to bring with their student ID for voting registration since their permanent residence was out of state. Dozens of young students wanted to cast their vote here since it is impossible for them to get home to do so. If you take away a young person's right to vote by not allowing student IDs to be used as proof of residency, you are silencing the next generations voice. Thank you for your time and please vote against LD 1149.