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Paris
LD 1149

To: The Honorable Craig Hickman
The Honorable Laura Supica, Co-Chairs
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Date: Friday, May 2, 2025

Re: LD 1149 An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification
for Purpose of Voting

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

My name is Sarah Otterson, and I live in South Paris. I am testifying in opposition
of LD 1149. I oppose this bill because I am proud of Maine's strong voting rights. I
love that currently in the state of Maine it is easy to make my voice heard through my
vote. Maine has one of the highest voter turnout rates in the United States. The
reasons for this are our secure elections, same day registration, no-excuse absentee
ballots, and NO PHOTO ID laws required to vote. LD 1149 will require unnecessary
and redundant paperwork which will undoubtedly cause voter suppression. We must
never suppress the ways Mainers can exercise their precious right to vote.

I urge the committee to oppose this bill. Thank you for your time and for the
opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,
Sarah Otterson