

Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

DATE: May 2, 2025

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

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

My name is Mary Brennan, and I live in Harpswell, Maine. I'm testifying to oppose LD 1149 — because it pretends to be an innocent voter ID measure “protecting us from fraud.”

Maine's voting system does not need this measure. There is no fraud to be protected from! So this measure is a solution to a problem that does not exist. It undoes a system that works well for all of us. Mainers do not need to be policed and forced to show IDs. In adding complexity to the act of voting, it wastes our time and resources. I am also deeply offended that any politician is working to make voting harder. That strikes me as unAmerican.

I ask the Committee to please vote to oppose this bill today. Thanks for your time and the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

— Mary Brennan