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Portland  
LD 1149

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

Dear Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and distinguished members of the  
Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

My name is Meghan, and I live in Portland. I am writing today to oppose this bill,  
which would drastically restrict voting access in Maine.

I vote absentee in most elections. Between my full-time job and long lines at the polls,  
absentee voting allows me to participate in our democracy without having to sacrifice  
my ability to work. That's what voting access should mean—meeting people where  
they are, not putting up barriers.

But more than that, I am deeply concerned about how this bill would affect my  
87-year-old mother, who lives in a rural part of Maine. Her ability to drive is  
becoming more limited, and she relies on absentee voting. I am her only nearby  
relative, and sometimes it is up to me to return her ballot. Under this bill, I could be  
barred from doing so. That's not voter protection—that's voter suppression.

This bill would also eliminate ongoing absentee status—forcing voters like my  
mother to navigate the request process again and again—and limit drop boxes, cut  
early voting, and even ban return postage, even if a town wants to provide it.

This bill creates more hoops, more confusion, more disenfranchisement, especially for  
the elderly, people with disabilities, students, rural residents, and working Mainers.

Please reject this bill. Let voters decide at the ballot box this fall—and let's put this  
harmful effort to rest.

Thank you,  
Meghan Vigeant  
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