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I am asking the members of this committee to vote ought not to pass on this measure.

The proposed ballot measure is not right for Maine. Because it limits the days of absentee voting and requires more bureaucratic red tape on Election Day, it will likely cause long lines and delays for voters. It will make voting more difficult for rural voters and seniors, who rely on absentee ballots and drop boxes. Seniors and rural voters should not have to wait in long lines, risk their health, or travel long distances to vote.

Further, the ballot measure is imported from out of state. Some provisions in the measure are copy-pasted from other states' bills in ways that do not align with current Maine law. It was written by people who do not have Mainers' interests at heart. It is also being funded by national PACs that are trying to bring national, polarized politics to Maine. Maine should not become the next Wisconsin, where division and partisanship have replaced trust in elections.

Please vote ought not to pass and let the voters reject this in November.