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LD 1446

Hon. Craig Hickman

Hon. Laura Supica, co-chairs

Members of the joint standing committee on veterans and legal affairs

re: LD 1446

Dear Sen. Hickman and Rep. Supica,

I wish to submit testimony in support of LD 1446, the resolution to support lowering the voting age to 16.

As a rural teacher in Maine for 38 years, I have found that new young voters generally take their voting privileges very seriously --more so than many older adults do--because it makes them feel like they're being respected like adults. This makes them tend to vote responsibly. It's also helpful to develop good voting habits early in life, especially if they're still in school and under the auspices of teachers and parents.

Please vote in favor of the resolution to amend the constitution to allow 16-year-olds to vote.