

Susan Bakaley Marshall  
Montville  
LD 1446

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

Date: 5/1/2025

Re: LD 1446-Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to  
Lower the Voting Age to 16 Years of Age.

Dear Senator Hickman , Representative Supica and Members of the Veteran and  
Legal Affairs Committee,

My name is Susan Bakaley Marshall and I live in the town of Montville.  
I'm writing in support of this bill. I have raised three children, who are all adults now.  
They were quite capable to vote when they were 16. My niece, who is 16 and lives  
with me, also is capable in my opinion to vote. Her education at her high school  
includes civic class, which helps young people think about the present issues  
impacting our communities and ways they can make a difference and to think  
critically for themselves. I urge the committee to support bill 1446. Thank you for  
your consideration.