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LD 1149

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and Members of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs: I am writing to oppose LD 1149, An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting. This proposed voter ID law, like many others, intends to reduce voter turnout and suppress the will of voters. There is more proposed in this bill than a requirement for voters to present photo identification. This is an effort to create barriers that will block citizens' constitutional right to vote. As someone who has proudly served as an election worker in my community, I see this bill as an attack on our voting rights. My understanding is that if enacted, it would be one of the most restrictive voter ID laws in the country – and we have absolutely no need for it. As an election worker, I have seen how well our system of absentee voting works, and that it works to assure the right to vote for senior citizens, people with disabilities, and residents of rural areas. As an election worker, I know that we have safeguards in place to prevent fraud, cyber-attacks, and other kinds of election manipulation, and we have well-trained election clerks who maintain the processes that assure secure voter registration and elections. LD 1149 is a solution in search of a problem. I strongly urge you to vote against it.