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

My name is Ella Tabasky, and I'm a Brunswick resident who has relied on absentee voting to make my voice heard in our democracy. I'm submitting this testimony in strong opposition to LD 1149 because it threatens the very tools that make voting accessible, secure, and meaningful for so many Mainers—myself included.

Over the years, I've used a ballot drop box when my work schedule made it impossible to vote during normal hours. I was a permanent absentee voter in California and this allowed me to ensure I never missed voting in an important election

LD 1149 doesn't protect the integrity of our elections. It erodes trust, creates unnecessary obstacles, and punishes people for simply trying to participate.

Please vote ought not to pass on LD 1149. Don't take us backward. Protect the systems that let Mainers vote with dignity, safety, and ease. Let us keep using the tools that make our democracy real.

Thank you.