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LD 38

TO: The Honorable Craig Hickman  
The Honorable Laura Supica  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

FROM: Brenda Franey, 72 Simmons Rd. South Portland ME

RE: LD 1149 – An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic  
Identification for the Purpose of Voting

I am writing to request that this bill “ought NOT to pass”. Maine has a long and celebrated history of safe elections. There is no reason to change something that is working. Plus, this bill is about more than showing identification...most concerning is that it limits access to absentee voting, which is essential for folks that have limited transportation or who are ill or traveling. And, it especially will impact people living in rural areas.

Maine has one of the highest voter turnouts in the nation! Isn't this what we want in a democracy? Let's continue to promote voting. LD 1149 just puts barriers in the way.

Please do not support this bill.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to the state of Maine.