

May 2, 2025

To: The Honorable Craig Hickman
The Honorable Laura Supica, Co-Chairs

My name is Tracy Eberhart, and I live in Brooklin. I am writing in opposition to LD 1149: An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting.

Maine has strong voting rights. We are a leader in the nation. Our small, rural, working class state has one of the highest voter turnout rates in the country. That's something to be proud of. We rank this high because of our secure elections, same-day voter registration, no excuse absentee ballots, and no photo ID laws required to vote.

LD 1149 creates obstacles that will prevent some of our most vulnerable residents from participating in the democratic process. At this time when Constitutional and civil rights are being attacked and undermined at the highest levels of government, States must reaffirm the most basic tenets of our Constitution. Access to the ballot box is at the heart of our democracy. We should not place roadblocks to open participation in self-government.