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LD 1149

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

DATE: May 2, 2025

RE:LD 1149

Dear Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and Members of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs,

My name is Victoria Olson and I live in Waldo, Maine.

I oppose LD 1149 because it will disenfranchise voters. Specifically it will interfere with my rights and with those of my friends and neighbors.

In my town, on my road, we look after one another. Folks in their 70s stop in on folks in their 90s.

All of us depend on Maine's excellent voting laws which provide for secure elections. We receive our absentee ballots in the mail and return them in the mail.

Our Town Clerk once called me because I had not signed my outer ballot envelope. I went to Town Hall and corrected the envelope.

Our same-day voter registration, no-excuse absentee ballots, and no photo ID laws required to vote in Maine result in one of the highest turnout rates in the USofA.

Who would want to alter our laws? Why would anyone want to interfere with a process that is so successful and efficient?

We should not follow other states that have disenfranchised voters on a massive scale through challenges, restrictions, and obstacles. Our system is secure. Let's keep it that way.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.