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LD 1149

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

My name is Lina Martinez Nocito, and I am a sophomore at the University of Maine at Farmington, a resident of Mount Vernon, and a legislative organizer with Maine Youth Power, a rural, youth-led movement fighting for human dignity, equity, and a livable future for all. I'm writing today to urge you to vote against LD 1149 and to send the measure to the ballot.

As a college student who doesn't have a car, being able to simply call my town office to get an absentee ballot has made voting far more accessible for me. I particularly appreciate how absentee voting enables me to vote on town leadership and school board representatives in my hometown, since those elections have a significant impact on my life and my family.

College students aren't the only Mainers who benefit from our state's current absentee voting system. It also makes voting more accessible for people who are homebound, disabled, or have work schedules that make it difficult to get to the polls on election day.

Participation in elections should be accessible to all Americans, and Maine has done a commendable job making that a reality. I hope you'll choose to stand up for Maine's absentee voting system and vote against LD 1149.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lina Martinez Nocito