



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

My name is Alex Titcomb. I am the founder and Executive Director of *The Dinner Table*, Maine's largest and most active conservative grassroots organization. I also serve as the campaign manager for *Voter ID for ME* and was the lead petitioner for the citizen initiative to place *An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting* on the November ballot.

I'm here today to **reaffirm** what thousands of Mainers have already made abundantly clear: **Maine citizens support Voter ID**. They believe it is a commonsense policy to strengthen our elections, and they have exercised their constitutional right to demand action.

Our effort to qualify for the ballot has been historic! We submitted over **171,000** signatures to the Secretary of State—more than **two and a half times** the required threshold of 67,682. In fact, the response was so overwhelming that the Secretary of State's office didn't even review every petition, effectively disenfranchising the voices of tens of thousands of Mainers who engaged in the democratic process.

These signatures came from **all 16 counties, 295 communities, all 35 Senate districts, and 150 of the 151 House districts**. This wasn't a campaign driven by special interests. It was powered entirely by incredible **volunteers**—nearly 800 individuals, including 684 signature collectors—who devoted their personal time to ensure this issue would be heard.

Let me emphasize: this was accomplished in a **limited timeframe**, with **no paid circulators**. If we had desired, our grassroots team could have easily collected over 300,000 signatures. That should send a powerful message to every member of this committee: the people of Maine are deeply engaged, and they want action.

**They want Voter ID for Maine.**

This is not just a political campaign—it's a civic movement. The Voter ID for ME initiative exemplifies the First Amendment in action: citizens assembling, speaking out, and petitioning their government.

The question before you today is simple: will you listen to the citizens you represent?

Here are the numbers of actual registered voters in **your own districts** who signed the petition:

**Senate Districts (Total: 16,684):**

- SD14 – 7,409 (24.2% of registered voters)
- SD17 – 8,243 (29.4%)
- SD27 – 1,032 (3.6% – limited collection by design)

**House Districts (Total: 9,878):**

- HD22 – 296
- HD24 – 718
- HD38 – 64
- HD58 – 1,915
- HD87 – 2,132
- HD88 – 867
- HD105 – 1,282
- HD108 – 1,123
- HD133 – 634
- HD143 – 847

These numbers reflect only a **portion** of your constituents—those we reached within a short window. Imagine how many more support Voter ID but didn't have the chance to sign.

Today, you have an opportunity to show respect for the democratic process and for the citizens of Maine. I urge you to vote **Ought to Pass** on this legislation and honor the will of the people.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to the citizens of Maine.

Respectfully,

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