

May 2nd, 2025

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. My name is Linda Mills, and I'm a resident of Newcastle. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1149: An Act To Require An Individual To Present Photographic Identification For The Purpose Of Voting.

I am opposed to this bill, particularly because of its negative impact on absentee voting. I've been ill and had my husband pick up an absentee ballot for me, an option that would be eliminated with this bill. When my husband was out of town, I dropped off his absentee ballot and signed for it. I could no longer do this if this bill were passed.

We don't need legislation to make changes in an election process that isn't broken. We in Maine pride ourselves on free, safe, secure elections with high voter turnout. LD 1149 would reduce voter turnout by making voting harder for rural voters, the elderly, the disabled, the military, tribal members and students.

I'm here to ask you to vote "ought not to pass" on LD 1149 and to send this measure directly to the voters in November.

Thank you for your time