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Washington

Senator Joseph Baldacci, Representative Ann Matlack, and distinguished members of the Committee On State and Local Government

My name is Pete Harring from Washington, ME. I am not a lobbyist or a member of any special interests group. I am an American citizen and a resident here in the Great State of Maine. I come to you today to ask that you vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 1051 An Act To Promote Civic Engagement and Voter Participation for Young People by Lowering the Voting Age for Municipal Elections to 16 Years of Age.

Voting is one of our most precious, and most valuable rights that we have. Responsible Citizens use their life's experiences and knowledge to make an informed decision on how they use that power and cast their vote.

Sixteen year old's can not legally purchase tobacco, alcohol, sign a legal contract etc. When I was 16, I certainly was not responsible enough to make a reasonable informed choice on how to cast my vote.

I ask this committee to do the smart thing and vote "ought not to pass" on LD 1051
Thank you.

Thank you for your time. Hope you all have a Blessed day.
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