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Dear Representative:

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on LD 208 "An Act To Expand Access to Absentee Ballots".

This bill seeks to eliminate restrictions on the issuance of absentee ballots after the 3rd day before an election. It also removes the deadlines for the return of an absentee ballot by a 3rd person. This bill further allows a voter to vote by absentee ballot in the presence of the clerk until 8:00pm the day of election.

If a voter can go in to vote in front of the clerk until 8pm the day of voting, they can go into the voting booth like the rest of the voters. We understand that absentee votes get counted later than in person votes, meaning after the IN person votes are counted. Therefore absentee ballots could be used by someone attempting fraud to make up or loose ballots.

A third grader who has just finished a class in civics could see that this bill clearly will weaken the integrity of the ballots, and disenfranchise the voters.

Where are the pieces of legislation that secure voting, such as voter ID, Residency ID? I served as a Registrar of Voters in Maine, and I am here to tell you that there are some real issues with securing voter identity, and residency.

Mainers deserve a more secure and fair voting system, not less. LD 208 WEAKENS the voting system in Maine.

I urge you to vote NO on LD208 An Act To Expand Access to Absentee Ballots

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