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Freeport

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Dear Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. My name is Gina LeDuc-Kuntz. I am a resident of Freeport, Maine.

I am writing to you today in opposition of LD 208: An Act to Expand Access to Absentee Ballots.”

This past campaign cycle, I spent a considerable amount of time door knocking in the Lewiston area. While door knocking, I was surprised to learn how many voters remain on the voter rolls although they have died, moved away or may never have been at that particular address at all. The most unsettling occurrences I witnessed while door knocking played out around Bates College where one apartment complex alone had over 190 registered voters; an address which could not possibly hold this many residents. The only possible explanation is students had come and gone while the voter rolls never reflected their departure.

On several occasions, I visited locations that were only vacant lots with no housing structure and no residence.

Clearly, our voting roles are dirty.

That being said, the language change proposed by LD 208 will open the door to exploitation of these dirty voting rolls. Current law places a limit on who, when and how absentee ballots are processed. By removing the language “except as provided in subsection 2” currently found in Title 21-A section 753-B(8) our voter rolls will be left vulnerable to misuse and our elections integrity undermined.

I sincerely implore this joint standing committee to vote “ought not to pass” on LD 208 to preserve our election integrity.

Thank You,
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