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I voted for the first time when I was legally able to do so. That was more than 50 years ago, and I haven't missed a state or national election since. Voting is extremely important to me. I even ran for the legislature in 2018, knowing it was an uphill battle. In the process, I talked to between 1,000-2,000 people and realized despite political differences, we all shared a belief in the importance of being able to exercise our right to vote.

If you, like me, have followed what transpired before and after the last election, I hope you understand just how many attempts were, and continue to make voting, particularly for poor and minority members of our society, more restrictive and difficult. I believe these attempts and restrictive legislative efforts are counter to democracy and what is best for Maine and the United States. I am asking you to support this bill and allow it to be heard and voted upon by both the Maine house and senate. Thank you.