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To Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee

Regarding L.D.s 557, “An Act To Require Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting” and
1083, “An Act To Create a Voter Identification System.”

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Sen. Luchini, Rep. Caiazzo, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I’m Penny Morrell, State Director of Concerned Women for America of Maine, speaking for Concerned Women for America LAC.

Concerned Women for America (CWA) is the largest public policy women’s organization in the nation, with hundreds of thousands of members across the country.

CWA of Maine supports LDs 557 and 1083. We all have a stake in protecting election integrity at every level in our nation. Our constitutional rights and liberties depend on the zealous protection of free and fair elections. Recently, [Concerned Women for America](#) (CWA) completed a scorecard on election integrity for each state based on three important areas: (1) voter identification, (2) absentee/mail-in ballots, and (3) absentee ballot verification. Maine’s [Election Integrity Rating](#) (EIR) is 44%.

The Maine legislature has an opportunity to increase our election integrity rating by passing these two critical bills that pertain to voter ID: LD 557 would require photographic identification for the purpose of voting, and LD 1083 would create a voter identification system.

State and federal governments require photo ids for flying on an airplane, purchasing alcohol, buying a car, driving a car, and the list goes on. Is it not most imperative that we have identification to prove we are eligible to vote and ensure citizens have the utmost confidence in our elections?

I ask the members of this committee to vote “ought to pass” on LDs 557 and 1083.