



Maine Conservation Voters

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Testimony of Maine Conservation Voters
In Opposition to LD 253, 557, 1083
Before the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee
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Good morning Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Will Sedlack, testifying in opposition to LDs 253, 557, and 1083 on behalf of Maine Conservation Voters (MCV).

MCV works to make conservation a political priority and to build an inclusive democracy. We support measures that make voting more efficient, secure, and accessible for all eligible Maine voters. These bills **do not** accomplish that goal.

It is our firm belief that when all Maine people are fully integrated in both the democratic process and the clean energy economy, we will see all Mainers benefit by owning businesses, benefiting from clean energy solutions, and working collectively to advance the values of community wellbeing and collaboration that we can all agree on.

Here is what we know about elections in Maine: there is no factual record in our State that even remotely supports any of the measures being debated today. There *is* a factual record to support the assertion that bills requiring identification for voting do not make elections more secure and do [suppress citizens from engaging in what is our most sacred right](#) - voting in elections. As a result, we must draw the conclusion that the only rationale for the bills being debated today is to oppress Maine citizens.

Maine Conservation Voters strongly oppose this suite of bills and urge you to vote “ought not to pass.”