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Portland
LD 349

TO: The Honorable Senator Craig Hickman
Representative Laura Supica
Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee
DATE: February 10, 2025
RE: An Act to Repeal the Laws That Allow Same-day Voter Registration

Good morning, Senator Hickman and Representative Supica,
My name is Emilia Toth. I'm a resident of Portland and a staff member with the League of Women Voters Maine. I have been closely following the bills within the 132nd legislature, and I am testifying in opposition of LD 349.
I am a senior at the University of Southern Maine and have spent the last three years advocating for student voting. Through my internship with Maine Students Vote, I have conducted various voter registration drives and organized events to ensure students had the resources needed to vote. On Election Day, I would have several students come up to me and ask if it's too late to vote. It was always exciting to tell them that they still had time and walk them through the process of same day registration.

Students are just one population that benefits from same day voter registration. This is a helpful and accessible voting practice for everyone, whether they had an address change, need to register for the first time, etc. Same day voter registration is a vital resource, and it needs to continue in the state of Maine.

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 349.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Emilia Toth
Portland, ME
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