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LD 1149

TO: Chairs Sen. Hickman and Rep. Supica and the Veterans & Legal Affairs
Committee Members

RE: LD 1149 An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification
for the Purpose of Voting

I am testifying in opposition to LD 1149 because it makes it harder for many qualified
citizens to vote (by design); this bill is not about voting integrity or voter integrity, it
is voter suppression.

-Mainers already have voter identification when we register.

-We already have an election system with layered security.

-I along with a majority of Mainers want to keep our 30 day, no-excuse absentee
ballot system and our ballot drop box system as is - this bill tries to reduce, eliminate,
or make these ineffective.

-LD 1149 will be costly for taxpayers and voters- to implement - no thanks.

LD 1149 is a solution to a problem we don't have. I urge the members of the
Committee to vote NO on LD 1149.

Thanks,

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