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LD 38

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

RE: LD 38 An Act to Requiring Photographic Identification for Voting

I am testifying in opposition to LD 38 because it makes it harder for many qualified voters to vote, but especially so for college students because it does not accept college issued identification as part of the proof of a person's identity for voting. It also will require close to \$1 million dollars to institute and continuing costs of close to \$300,000 to the taxpayers per year.

These partisan voter suppression bills (LD 38, LD 397, and LD 1149) are unnecessary bureaucracy, especially because Maine already has very good voting laws, election security layers, and proof of identification when we register to vote. We don't need to burden the taxpayers with more costs for yet more systems and materials for photographic IDs.

LD 38 is a solution to a problem Maine does not have. I urge the members of the Committee to vote NO on LD 38.

Thank you,  
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