

April 29, 2025

Chair Hickman, Co-Chair Supica, and Distinguished Members of the VLA Committee:

My name is Anne Gass; I oppose passage of LD 1149, An Act to Require an Individual to Present Photographic Identification for the Purpose of Voting, and hope you will, too.

LD 1149 goes far beyond simply requiring photographic identification to instituting unnecessary and draconian requirements around ballot dropboxes (limiting them to one per municipality) and, even worse, would make the process of requesting, completing, and returning absentee ballots ridiculously complicated—and even a class D felony! Reading the bill, it's quite clear that the purpose of it is to suppress voting participation, despite the fact that the evidence of the voter fraud that Republicans shout about is vanishingly small.

This is government overreach for a problem that doesn't exist, whose primary purpose is to undermine confidence in our elections system and further the creation of a police state.

Voting is fundamental to our democracy. Why would you make it harder to do?

Please vote "ought not to pass" on this bill.

Thank you.