

Claudia King  
Falmouth  
LD 1149

I urge you to vote against LD 1149.

In this democracy, Maine may be proud of its voting record. In 2024, for instance, the turnout was 75%; it was among the top five states in turnout. Maine may also be proud of its election integrity. In Maine, the voter demonstrates citizenship when registering to voter. At the election, the ballot is marked by the voter, tabulated by machine not connected to the internet and cross checked by state officials to make sure the total number of ballots cast and voters match; any case of in person voter fraud is picked up. The cross-checking will also pick up absentee voter fraud. Our system works.

I learned, while serving on my Town Council, that it is inadvisable to create an ordinance in the absence of a defined problem. LD 1149 is not born from a Maine electoral problem. The suggested restrictions read like more roadblocks to voting in a rural state with a lot of working class and retired voters. Restricting the number of ballot drop boxes, requiring a photo ID to vote, and eliminating renewed absentee ballot delivery when requested are a couple of the elements detailed in this law which serve only to chip away at voter access. They do not make voting more secure, just more difficult.

I request that you Vote No.