

TO: The Honorable Craig Hickman
The Honorable Laura Supica, Co-Chairs
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Date: May 2nd, 2025

RE: LD 1149: An Act To Require An Individual To Present Photographic Identification
For The Purpose Of Voting

My name is John Mills, and I am a resident of Newcastle. I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1149. I oppose this bill, in particular due to its negative impact on absentee voting. I have picked up an absentee ballot for my wife when she was ill, a totally safe accommodation that would be eliminated with this bill. My wife dropped off an absentee ballot for me when I was travelling. She could no longer do this under the provisions of this bill.

We don't need legislation to make changes because our election process is not broken. Maine has safe, secure elections with high voter turnout. LD 1149 would reduce voter turnout by making voting harder for rural voters, the elderly, the disabled, the military, tribal members and students. Making voting harder for eligible voters is anti-democratic.

I'm here to ask you to vote "ought **not** to pass" on LD 1149 and to send this measure directly to the voters in November.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify.