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LD 38

Chair, members of the committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for LD 38, LD 397, LD 1149, and LD 1437, and my strong opposition to LD 1446.

Support for LD 38, LD 397, and LD 1149:

These bills would require voters to present an approved photo ID when voting in person or by absentee ballot—a common-sense safeguard. We are already required to show photo identification for many basic activities, and voting, the foundation of our democracy, should be treated with the same seriousness. Requiring photo ID helps protect the integrity of elections and restores confidence among legally registered voters.

Support for LD 1437:

LD 1437 proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to specify that only U.S. citizens may vote in state, county, municipal, or local elections. I fully support this measure. Voting is a fundamental right and responsibility of citizenship, and this clarification is both appropriate and necessary.

Opposition to LD 1446:

I strongly oppose LD 1446, which would extend voting rights to children. Children lack the maturity, experience, and legal responsibility that voting requires. This proposal is not only ill-advised but undermines the seriousness of the electoral process.

In conclusion, LD 38, LD 397, LD 1149, and LD 1437 are common-sense measures that “ought to pass.” LD 1446 is misguided and “ought not to pass.”

Thank you for your consideration.