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LD 1578

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. I am submitting testimony in support of LD 1578. I hope we here in Maine will be able to join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. It's so strange that here in the USA, because of the Electoral College system, all of our votes for President don't have equal weight. Right here in our own state I feel this imbalance personally. I live in the second congressional district where our one electoral college vote is swingy. As a voter and a citizen, I feel a certain weight of responsibility simply because of where I happen to live. But if I happened to live a few towns to the south in the first district, I imagine I would feel a degree of powerlessness and indifference. Or I might feel compelled to keep travelling up north to bug my first district neighbors. I can't imagine what it's like to live in one of the major swing states where voters are bombarded by ads and voter outreach campaigns. It's high time that we shared the privilege and responsibility of our vote evenly across the whole country. Thank you so much for considering my testimony.