Dear Honorable Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

I write today to testify in **<u>Opposition</u>** to LD 1578 "An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote."

Our country is a Constitutional Republic and the Electoral College is a brilliant means to keep each state fairly represented with their citizen's votes. I <u>do not</u> want our small, but great, State of Maine to join in a movement for a National Popular Vote system because in all reality it would hand over our power to larger and more populous states. I also feel blessed to live in a state where our electoral votes get to be spilt up based on how we vote. We in the rural areas deserve to be heard on an equal playing field with the larger cities which is what the electoral college allows as our wise forefathers devised.

## I urge you to Vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1578

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,

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