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My name is Michael Fisher and I live in Sullivan. I am testifying in support of LD 1578, "An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote". Every vote in the Presidential election should count equally. Right now voters in the vast majority of states are taken-for-granted by Presidential candidates because candidates can be sure in advance, based on previous history and polling, that they will have enough votes to win the Electoral College vote in those states. So candidates only campaign in states where Electoral College votes are up for grabs. The votes in these states have greater significance to candidates than the votes in other states. It's unfair. Every vote in every state should count equally in the election of the President. Maine needs the National Popular Vote because it is nonpartisan and works within the Electoral College. A National Popular vote will mean that candidates will be unable to take for granted the votes of voters in any state. It will force candidates to campaign in all 50 states, even Maine, because every voter, in every state, will be politically relevant in every presidential election. Please support LD 1578. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.