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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Our current system of electing president and vice president leaves too many citizens out of the process, with candidates focusing their campaigning only in "battleground" states instead of addressing the concerns of people all over the country. It's easy living in Maine to feel completely irrelevant. There's something inherently wrong with a system that awards the office of president to a candidate who doesn't garner the most popular votes.

By joining the National Popular Vote compact all of our votes will count equally. I believe this will strengthen our democracy and encourage more participation in the process.

I hope you will vote to have Maine join the National Popular Vote compact.

Thank you for your work for the people of our great state!