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Testimony In Favor of LD 1578 January 8, 2014 Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee

Good morning Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. My name is Sue Ellen Bordwell and I am testifying in support of LD 1578.

As a young person, I couldn't wait to vote, but I had to wait until I was 21. I believed that every vote counted, including mine.

But things change:

•Today one can register and vote at 18 years of age and

•My vote doesn't always count.

This is why I hope you will support LD 1578. For Maine to join the interstate compact that commits Maine's electoral votes for the candidate winning the most popular votes nationally.

That means my vote will be counted, equally with all other voters -- whether my choice wins or loses.

Although I have lived in Maine for over 40 years, I continue to brag to friends elsewhere about Maine's thriving election participation rate. Passage of LD1578 will bolster and support voter participation because voters will know their vote matters and will count.

Please vote Ought To Pass on LD 1578.

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