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From: Joan B. Saxe 16 Starboard Rd, Freeport, ME 04032

To: Members of the Joint Committee of Veterans and Legal Affairs

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Re: **LD 252: An Act to Withdraw from the National Popular Vote Compact**

Senator Hickman , Representative Supica and Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs I am writing today to urge the committee to vote ought not to pass LD252 repealing the National Popular Vote (NPV), guaranteeing the presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular vote in all 50 states and D.C.

Currently, NPV has been enacted in 17 states and D.C. which would grant **nearly** enough votes for the Electoral College to win the presidency. Advocacy for additional members to join the NPV compact is on going, allowing nationwide, enough electoral votes to become President. Every voter would then be assured that their vote was counted regardless of where they live.

Maine has remained pioneers in inclusive voting right acts in the twenty five years since Clean Elections was enacted. This is not the time to throw out Maine's reputation as leaders of voting rights by abandoning the NVP.

Respectively submitted,

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