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Sen. Craig Hickman, Chair
Rep. Laura Supica, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs
Maine State Legislature
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: LD 252 An Act to Withdraw from the National Popular Vote Compact and LD 1373 An Act to Repeal the National Popular Vote Compact

Chair Hickman, Chair Supica, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs: My name is David O'Brien and I am Policy Director for RepresentUs, the nation's leading nonpartisan anti-corruption organization. RepresentUs is submitting testimony today in opposition to LDs 252 and 1373, which seek to withdraw Maine from the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

RepresentUs is a nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to the idea that the government should be representative of and accountable to the people. It advocates for policies to strengthen our democracy and provides activists with the resources and training to bring meaningful change.

The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is a voluntary agreement among states to award their electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote. By participating in this compact, Maine is helping to ensure that every vote counts equally and that the will of the people is respected.

Under the current system, a small number of votes in a small number of states regularly decides the Presidency. In 2020, if 21,461 voters had changed their minds, Joe Biden would have been defeated, despite leading by over 7 million votes nationally. Each of these 21,461 voters (5,229 in Arizona, 5,890 in Georgia, and 10,342 in Wisconsin) was 329 times more important than the 7 million voters elsewhere. That is, every vote is not equal under the current system.

National Popular Vote ensures that the person who wins the most votes nationwide becomes the President of the United States. This is a fundamental principle of democracy, and it is essential that we uphold it. The presidential election is the only election we hold wherein the person who receives the most votes doesn't always win the office.

Withdrawing from this compact would be a step backward for our state and our country. I urge you to reject LDs 252 and 1373 and maintain Maine's commitment to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. We should be working to strengthen our democracy, not weaken it.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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