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LD 252

TO: The Honorable Craig Hickman  
The Honorable Laura Supica, Co-Chairs  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

DATE: 4/14/2025

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

Dear Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs,

My name is Kerry Read, and I live in South Paris. I am testifying against LD 252 and LD 1373. I oppose these bills because I believe that the National Popular Vote Compact will preserve our democracy. During the last presidential election campaign I witnessed an alarming apathy about voting, especially in 20 and 30 year olds. When questioned, it was clear that these potential voters knew their vote wouldn't make a difference in the presidential election. With NPV, voter participation will increase because voters will know their vote matters.

There are no "red" or "blue" states. The 43 non-battleground states and D.C. are divided almost equally between the two major political parties. Maine is a purple state. But under the current district method, Republican votes are made irrelevant in CD 1, and in reverse, Democratic votes are irrelevant in CD 2. We need to guarantee that every vote counts and encourage full and equal participation in our democracy. I urge the committee to oppose these bills. Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify.