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LD 1666

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

From: Carole Boothroyd, Dover-Foxcroft

Re: LD 1666, An Act to Include in the Ranked-choice Election Method for General and Special Elections, the Office of Governor, State Senator, and State Representative and to Make Other Related Changes

Public Hearing; April 24, 2025- Testimony in support

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

I support LD1666 because I have more confidence that I will be fairly represented by elected officials when Ranked Choice Voting is used in elections. I'm not alone in this; a majority of Maine voters support RCV and find it easy to use.

As an example of how election results can lower voter confidence in the government, in 2010, one candidate won the election for Maine Governor with less than 38% voter support. Election outcomes like that don't inspire voter confidence in fair representation for all and only add to unstable extreme political polarization in Maine.

I support LD 1666 because in August 2024, the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that Ranked-choice election methods comply with plurality requirements. I think this warrants re-consideration by the Maine Supreme Court of their Advisory Opinion of 8 years ago.

I urge you to pass LD 1666 to expand RCV to include state legislative and gubernatorial general elections and to call for a solemn occasion.

Thank you for your service to Maine and for the opportunity to testify.

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