Lori Calderone Dover Foxcroft LD 1666

To: The Honorable Craig Hickman

The Honorable Laura Supica, Co-chairs, Committee on Veterans and Legal

**Affairs** 

Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

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Re:LD1666

I am Lori Calderone, and I live in Dover-Foxcroft. I support LD1666.

It is extremely important that our elected representatives actually have won the support of the majority of voters they represent. It's self-evident that a candidate who wins only a plurality represents a district where more people voted against him or her, or stayed home.

Ranked Choice Voting has wide-spread support among Maine voters. Voters now literally go look up and gather information on the candidates so they know how they want to rank their votes in multi-candidate races. That strengthens Mainer's knowledge of their governments, and THAT strengthens our democracy.

RCV may ultimately help more Mainers run for office, supporting a diversity of views and ideas. That strengthens all Mainers.

RCV is good for voters. And voters are the most important element in every election. I urge you to support LD2666.