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Testimony of the Maine Municipal Association

In Support Of

LD 1702 - An Act to Amend Election Polling Place Candidate Restrictions

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Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, my name is Rebecca Lambert, and I am providing testimony in support of LD 1702 on behalf of the Maine Municipal Association's (MMA) elected 70-member Legislative Policy Committee (LPC). For reference, MMA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit member service organization and aims to help provide policy solutions that work for all residents in Maine and the LPC guides MMA's advocacy efforts and establishes positions on bills of municipal interest.

Municipal officials continually support prohibiting or limiting candidate speech at the polls as a way to strengthen the integrity and neutrality of the voting environment. Our members understand that this bill seeks to clearly define a "candidate" which would include write-in candidates, regardless of party affiliation, and reinforces the principle that the voting place should be free from political pressure or influence and that voters have safe environment to cast their ballot.

Thank you for your time and considering our perspective.



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