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Hello esteemed members of the committee,

I have worked as a press advance person for a variety of third-party campaigns, including as the PR person for the Lisa Savage campaign for US Senate in 2020, the first real three-person race with RCV in the state, in many ways. The quality in the discourse of the campaign, the quality of the dialogue with voters, and the quality of debates in that campaign I think were helped incredibly by the presence of RCV. While outside parties continued with baseless and (frankly) often very strange attack ads, the work by the campaigns themselves was more positive and substantive than any I can remember working on.

By extending RCV to state-level campaigns, we have a real opportunity to increase the quality of our elections and do real work to get past binary discourse that merely pits neighbor against neighbor, instead of having substantive discussions about the future of our state and which policies will be best for everyone.

I encourage you to look past what's best for your party, or for you personally, and look at what's best for the state of Maine and the people who live here. RCV works, it doesn't benefit any one political orientation, and it makes for a more-informed and happier voter base. Let's bring people in instead of forcing everyone to the margins.

Thank you for your time in reading this,
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