



Maine Conservation Voters

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Testimony of Maine Conservation Voters in opposition of LD 234

“An Act to Eliminate Ranked Choice Voting”

Before the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee

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Good morning Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and distinguished members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. I am Nick Janzen, Partnerships Director at Maine Conservation Voters, a statewide non-profit organization with 13,000 members and supporters building a just, thriving future for all by acting on the climate crisis, protecting the environment, and safeguarding our democracy. We support measures to make Maine’s democratic institutions more accessible, efficient and secure.

We oppose LD 234, *“An Act to Eliminate Ranked Choice Voting,”* or “RCV,” which would undo a nonpartisan advancement in our voting system that for years Mainers have consistently reaffirmed support.

Maine people chose RCV after 15 years of careful consideration and study. Maine people chose RCV once again by supporting a People’s Veto of a bill that would have delayed and diluted it. And Maine people chose RCV a third time when opponents could not muster the signatures necessary for another repeal effort. RCV is the law of the land.

RCV is the law of the land, and there are good reasons for it. It unifies Maine voters in a time when politics are polarizing. This is a nonpartisan voting format that allows elections to be more representative of voter preferences and prevents the usual spoiler effect common in single choice elections that feature independent or third-party candidates, a frequent occurrence in Maine.

Maine Conservation Voters urges you to vote “ought not to pass” on LD 234. Thank you.

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