



COALITION ON RACIAL EQUITY

4/14/25

RE: LD 252 and LD 1373

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and the distinguished members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,

The Coalition on Racial Equity (CORE) would like to add our voices to the many that have urged you to vote ought not to pass on LD 252 and LD 1373.

The Coalition on Racial Equity (CORE) actively pursues racial equity and justice by dismantling structural inequities and disparities. We aspire to a world where influential decision-makers actively collaborate with affected people and communities, fostering a collective effort to dismantle oppressive laws, policies, and practices for a more equitable and just society.

The creation of the Electoral College is rooted in America’s shameful history of slavery. This system was conceived by slaveholders as a way to protect their interests. The Electoral College gave southern states more voting power, allowing them to count enslaved people as 3/5 of a person under the Constitution while denying them the right to vote. The National Popular Vote does not abolish the Electoral College; rather, it ensures that every voter matters equally.

By joining the National Popular Vote Compact in 2024, Maine joined with 16 other states and the District of Columbia to shift the system to ensure every voter in the country counts equally – one citizen, one vote. Every voter in every state will matter in every election, not just voters in battleground states, strengthening our democracy.

We encourage you to vote ought not to pass on LD 252 and LD 1373.

CORE members include:

ACLU Maine
Maine AFL-CIO
Defend Our Health
Democracy Maine
Maine Equal Justice
Maine People’s Alliance

Maine Center for Economic
Policy
Maine Women’s Lobby
Planned Parenthood of
Northern New England
NAACP

Maine Youth for Climate
Justice
Maine Conservation Voters
Maine Youth Power

Mission

The Coalition on Racial Equity (CORE) actively pursues racial equity and justice by dismantling structural inequities and disparities through comprehensive education and advocacy efforts aimed at key decision-makers. We prioritize and center the needs of individuals and communities affected by these issues.



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