

To: The Honorable Craig Hickman  
The Honorable Laura Supica, Co-Chairs  
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Date: April 24, 2025

Re: LD1666 – An Act to include in the Ranked-choice Election Method for General and Special Elections the offices of Governor, State Senator, and State Representative and to Make Other Related Changes

Dear Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs,

My name is Stephen Ellis and I live in the Town of Waldo. I am testifying in support of LD1666. I support this bill because Ranked Choice Voting has proven to be a fair and cost-effective election process in Maine and should be extended to State offices. Ranked Choice Voting allows candidates from outside the major parties to compete and to create a richer dialog on the issues. Ranked Choice Voting eliminates spoilers and strategic voting. It allows voters to support their preferred candidate without worrying that they could inadvertently split votes.

I urge the Committee to support this bill. Thank you for your time, your service to our State and communities, and the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen B. Ellis", written in a cursive style.

Stephen B. Ellis  
Town of Waldo