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January 14, 2021

State Senator Russell Black
State Representative Tom Skolfield
State Representative Scott Landry
P.O. Box 23
Farmington, Maine 04938

Re: Legislation supporting increasing the number of Franklin County Commissioners

Dear State Senator Black and State Representatives Skolfield and Landry:

The Board of Selectpersons of the Town of Rangeley are in favor of increasing the number of Franklin County Commissioners from three to five. Our Board was in favor of this when previous legislation was introduced. As we understand it, the new legislation, if approved by the legislature, would require (shall versus may) the Commissioners to put forth a vote of Franklin County voters to determine if they are in favor of this change. This new legislation would allow the voters of our County to make this decision which is what should happen.

Franklin County is a very large County and northern Franklin County has been underrepresented in our County government with representation from only one County Commissioner. This legislation would alleviate this problem and would provide better voting representation on the County Commission. Most towns in Maine with a Selectperson Board now have five versus three Selectpersons as this provides better representation and less control issues.

Our Board of Selectpersons continue to support this legislation to allow the voters of Franklin County to decide if they wish to see five versus three County Commissioners. Please feel free to provide this recommendation to the legislature and any interested parties. Let us know if we can be of assistance. Thank you for your efforts.

Respectfully,

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