

Pete Harring
Washington

Senator Joseph Baldacci, Representative Ann Matlack, and distinguished members of the Committee On State and Local Government

My name is Pete Harring from Washington, ME. I am not a lobbyist or a member of any special interests group. I am an American citizen and a resident here in the Great State of Maine. I come to you today to ask that you vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1056 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Attorney General.

We live in a Constitutional Republic, and as such every American is afforded a voice. One of the many ways for our voices to be heard is through our voting process. By amending our state Constitution to allow a popular vote for an Attorney General would support this ideal. The Maine Attorney General is the chief legal advisor and prosecutor for the State of Maine and therefore should be representing the people. However, as we have seen with the current and previous Attorney Generals, this is not the case. Both have put their political party and ideology before their sworn duties to uphold the law. By amending our Constitution to a popular vote, this should mitigate the political charade that has befallen the Attorney Generals office.

I strongly encourage this committee vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1056 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Provide for the Popular Election of the Attorney General.

Thank you for your time. Hope you all have a Blessed day.

Pete Harring