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LD 577

I am a voter in Piscataquis County writing in support of LD 577. As a volunteer for the League of Women Voters central Maine Highlands chapter, I have spent some time reaching out to small towns and municipalities in Piscataquis County to learn about how they keep their community members informed about local governance and upcoming elections and referendum. While some larger municipalities have established websites and utilize other social media to communicate, many small entities have no digital information source, or struggle to keep what they do have updated. Their struggle is largely due to inadequate resources. As a result, their residents are more likely to be uninformed and disengaged, and less able to fully participant in their local community.

LD577 will help fill the gap. Nothing is more important than a community of informed voters. An enhancement of the state website, or slight expansion of the voter look up tool will go a long way toward ensuring an informed, educated electorate across the state.