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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Regarding L.D. 316, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to

Create Equity in State Senate Representation".

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Sen. Baldacci, Rep. Salisbury, and members of the State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I'm Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support L.D. 316, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Create Equity in State Senate Representation".

This sounds like a great idea and is long overdue. It is a law proposed and sponsored by Republicans, but calls for equity which is a buzzword all Democrats support as well. It makes common sense to have representation in one house of the legislature equitable for all Mainers.

I urge this committee to vote "ought to pass" on LD 316. Thank you.