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Dear Ms Montell:

Please distribute to the combined committees my comments regarding the following LD's:

LD 202: This LD 202 appears to be different than Rank Choice Voting by placing the decision upon the Senate and House of Representatives to declare the winner where a candidate does not win the majority of the votes. Therefore, the Party controlling the joint session will elect their party candidate to the office taking away the right of the voters of Maine to make that decision. In my opinion, this is no better than Rank Choice voting; which is bad. Rank Choice Voting basically provides the voters who cast their ballots for the least favorable candidate two votes in that election. Please Vote Against LD 202.

LD 580: LD 580 would allow the Legislature to "authorize a process" for early voting with no limits on what that early voting may take. In 2020, we have seen early voting beginning a month prior to election day which greatly reduced voters confidence in the outcome of elections. Any early voting should be limited to only a few days and if voters cannot go to the polls during that time then the option of Absentee Ballots is open to them. However, I also do not agree with removing the language "absent or physically incapacitated" and replacing them with the word "any". Please Vote Against LD 580.

LD 706: I am against lowering the voting age to 16 years of age. Overall, sixteen year olds are still very emotional and many concerned more about peer acceptance than what's best for Maine. Please Vote Against LD 706.

Sincerely,

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