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The implementation of an online platform for voter registration is an inexpensive way to support our basic democratic right to vote. OVR would also streamline the process and be advantageous to voters who have financial or geographic obstacles preventing them from registering in person. All evidence points to OVR being a benefits to all Mainers and should be implemented.

Streamlining the voter registration process into an online platform

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