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Hello Committee Members:

I was born a Mainer, will die a Mainer and in between those times, I'm still here as a Mainer. Mainers have had a voice in this nation's direction well before my time. Mainers have had a say in this nation during my time. And I'm sure Mainers will have a say well into the future of this country. As Maine goes, so goes the nation, right? Having a voice to be heard, to be listened, to be accounted has been important for this state. Having a voice within the state should be important as well. This is even more important. Support local, buy local. Support local, speak local. I want any Mainer's voices to be heard here in Maine first. Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Green, etc, etc, etc. Can you hear my voice from behind a wall? A wall being imposed that I then have to climb over, go around, dig under? Let's remove any wall so any Mainer's voice can be heard at face value. Not from 50' up on the wall. Not from 500 yards over around the wall. Not at dirt level from 6 feet under the wall. If the unit of measure is 5,000 voters for a voice to be heard, it's still 4,999 voters too many that one voice not be heard. For a party consideration, the 2,500 voters are still 2,499 over the limit of one voice not being heard. For the sake of any party status, 2,500 is a start though for one voice. Please consider the change of enrollment from 5,000 to 2,500.

Thank you,