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When you go to a restaurant you are handed a menu of all sorts of wonderful things to choose from. You get to choose your drink, your sides, your main course, your dessert. Would you go to a restaurant that only gave you a choice of tuna salad or egg salad sandwich? No, you wouldn't.

Going to Maine's polling station is like going to a restaurant with only two options.

Over one-third of the voters in Maine are unenrolled. Over one-third of the voters in Maine do not associate with either of the two old parties. Over one-third of the voters in Maine don't want tuna or egg salad, they want other options.

The hurdles the state legislature has put on any party trying to represent the unrolled voters from having candidates that represent them silence their voices, silence their desire to actively participate in the process. When the state unenrolls a voter, the state is telling that voter your opinion, their stance on an issue doesn't matter, that they can't have a ham sandwich it must be tuna or egg salad.

If you were to pass LD1061 (and remove all other hurdles) what is the worse that's going to happen? Our ballots might be a little longer.

If you were to pass LD1061 (and remove all other hurdles) what's the best that would happen? More people engaged in the process. More voices heard. More ideas being expressed. Better solutions to address our problems. Better representation of the people of Maine. The people of Maine could vote FOR someone rather than the "lesser of two evils" There is no downside to removing the excessive hurdles placed on political parties to join into the process.

I urge you to pass LD1061, with the amendment that 2500 is the only qualifying hurdle. Let the over one-third of the voters of Maine have a ham sandwich (or turkey, or a buger) Let our voices be heard.