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Washington

Senator Louis Luchini, Representative Chris Caiazzo and distinguished members of the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs,

My name is Pete Harring from Washington, ME. I am not a lobbyist or a member of any special interests group. I am an American citizen and a resident here in the Great State of Maine. I come to you today to ask that you vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 231 An Act To Establish Open Primaries. Almost 1/3 of registered voters here in Maine are unenrolled. The 2 major parties have slanted the laws in there favor by making it twice as hard to become a candidate, requiring them to gather double the number of signatures to get on the ballot. Needless to say not many try. That leaves most of the unenrolled voters no say as to who will be in the general election. Open primaries work well in other states and I see no reason why it would not work here.

Thank you for your time, and I respectfully ask that you vote  
"Ought to Pass."

May you all have a Blessed day.

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