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Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee; I am writing in support of LD 231, "An Act to Establish Open Primaries. Last year, I retired from the City Clerk's office in Portland, where I participated in the election process for 15 years. Semi-open primaries would allow unenrolled voters to participate in primaries more efficiently than the current option. At this time, unenrolled voters have to change their voter registration to a party by filling out a new voter registration card. This is processed by the clerk's office. After the primary, the voter must fill out another new voter registration card to change back to "unenrolled". It is cumbersome for the voter as well as the clerks' offices. Since the majority of Mainers support open primaries, and it streamlines the process for the voters and the clerks, I support this bill.