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Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

As the greatest democracy on earth, it is critical that we embrace full inclusion in all our elections and make it as easy as possible for everyone to participate. Primary elections in Maine are paid for by all residents, including the 32% of registered Independent voters.

It seems to reason, therefore, that those voters should be able to participate in Primaries without having to abandon their Independent voting status.

I fully support LD231, An Act to Establish Open Primaries, and strongly encourage you to support this measure that is supported by 80 percent of Maine voters.

Thank you.